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Seeking a sustainable vision

SJ committee looks for ways to promote a better future

By JULIE SWIDWA
HP Staff Writer

ST. JOSEPH — Meeting the social, environmental and economic needs of the citizens of St. Joseph without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs is the vision of the city's Sustainability Committee.

The committee has been working for the past year to set goals regarding sustainability, and the St. Joseph City Commission this week got its first look at the draft 2020-2023 sustainability goals for the city.

The committee is gathering feedback from the public and will ask the city commission at its Sept. 28 meeting to approve the goals.

If approved, the committee will begin devising specific, annual goals and metrics for reporting back to the public and the commission.

Commissioner Laura Goos said anyone wishing to comment on the draft sustainability goals can email her at lagoos@sjcity.com, or Commissioner Peggy Getty at pgetty@sjcity.com.

The proposed goals fall under the categories of energy, transportation, resource management, parks and open space, and community engagement, and are as follows:

Energy

■ Promote energy efficiency and reduce per capita energy consumption.

■ Increase the use of renewable energy.

■ Encourage investment in clean energy projects.

Proposed action items in the energy category include replacing street lights and lights at city buildings, parks, cemeteries, the ice arena and the band shell with LED lighting; encourage solar and wind energy initiatives; research and set goals around renewable-friendly building codes; replace heating and cooling systems as needed with more efficient models; and improve windows and insulation in city buildings.

Transportation

■ Reduce the number of gas-powered vehicles and equipment in the city's fleet.

■ Increase the number of electric or hybrid vehicles and equipment in the fleet.

■ Proposed action items include creating a Green Purchase Program; creating an idle policy; and

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FUN IN THE SUN

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A kiteboarder speeds past the St. Joseph lighthouses on the North Pier on Wednesday off Tiscornia Beach in St. Joseph.

GVSU students ordered to stay in place for 2 weeks

ALLENDALE (AP) — Students at Grand Valley State University were ordered Wednesday to hunker down for two weeks due to a spike in coronavirus cases linked to the western Michigan campus.

There have been more than 600 cases of COVID-19 among students since Aug. 23, with the majority among students living off campus, Ottawa County health officials said.

The move came a few days after a similar order was issued to students living in fraternities, sororities and seven large rental properties near Michigan State University.

The stay-in-place order for GVSU starts Thursday. Students must stick to their on-campus or off-campus residence unless attending classes, exercising, getting food, seeking health care or working at an essential job.

Students cannot return to their home community unless there's an emergency. GVSU has 23,500 students.

"GVSU student interaction with the broader community greatly increases the risk of community disease spread which may result in serious illness or death," said Dr. Paul Heidel, the county's medical director.

"We need students to take the ... order seriously and be vigilant to help stop the spread of COVID-19," Heidel said.

GVSU athletes can practice sports if a doctor is present, though the health department is "strongly" discouraging it.

Nick Moran, editor-in-chief of the campus newspaper, the Grand Valley Lanthorn, said students are wondering how the restrictions will be enforced.

"When you have a campus community, it's hard to open a window and not hear music or students moving house to house, socializing at night, like you would in any other year," Moran said.

GVSU President Philomena Mantella said in-person classes won't change.

"The order is really focused on those areas where students congregate socially and it really kind of acknowledges that we're not seeing the transmission in our university facilities, busing, the kinds of places that you may also look for the virus to be at levels that are high," Mantella said.

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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention Director Dr. Robert Redfield holds up his mask as he speaks at a Senate Appropriations subcommittee hearing on a "Review of Coronavirus Response Efforts" on Capitol Hill on Wednesday.

U.S. unveils broad vaccine plan – but no quick rollout

By RICARDO ALONSO-ZALDIVAR and MATTHEW PERRONE
Associated Press

WASHINGTON — The government outlined a sweeping plan Wednesday to make vaccines for COVID-19 available for free to all Americans when proven safe and effective, though a top public health official made clear that widespread vaccination of millions of Americans couldn't come until well into next year.

In a report to Congress and an accompanying "playbook" for states and localities, federal health agencies and the Defense Department sketched out complex plans for a vaccination campaign to begin gradually in January or even late this year, eventually ramping up to reach any American who wants a shot.

President Donald Trump asserted Tuesday that a vaccine could be

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A forgotten soldier of the 'Forgotten War'

Name of fallen Korean War soldier to be added to South Haven soldier's monument

By BECKY KARK
For The Herald-Palladium

SOUTH HAVEN — The Korean and Vietnam War veterans memorial at South Haven City Hall lists the names of men who died in action during those wars while serving their country. Veterans each year pay tribute to those men. But for years, unbeknownst to them, one man's name was missing from the list – Cpl. Earl A. Janosky.

That will change Saturday when the American Legion Post 49 and South Haven city officials team up to add the inscription of Janosky's name to the memorial and conduct a ceremony in honor of him.

The ceremony will take place at 11 a.m. at the monument. It will include an Honor Guard conducting a three-rifle volley, the playing of Taps, and a flyover by the Hooligan flight team. Social distancing during the ceremony is requested.

"An American Legion family member, Michael Andruch IV, who is a genealogy enthusiast, discovered Janosky was not noted on the monument as one of those from South Haven who died during the Korean war," said Jason Turner, Commander of the American Legion Post 49. "The plan to add Janosky's name to the monument was originally discussed with Mayor Scott Smith at the Memorial Day parade. He supported the Post 49 initiative and asked the city of South Haven to join the effort."

Janosky, a U.S. Army soldier from South Haven, was separated from his unit, the 2nd Battalion, 7th Cavalry Regiment, 1st Cavalry Division, during the Pusan Perimeter defense against the North Korean forces in September 1950, according to Turner. Cut off from his unit, Janosky was one of a group of soldiers that spent four days evading enemy forces, before returning to friendly lines. He was likely suffering from exposure and evacuated shortly thereafter, only to die of encephalitis in a Mobile Army Surgical Hospital in Pusan on Sept, 19, 1950. He was just 20 years old.

If anyone has information about any family members of Earl Janosky, they are asked to contact Post 49 at southhavenamericanlegion@gmail.com.

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Hurricane Sally unleashes flooding, hundreds rescued

By JAY REEVES, ANGIE WANG and JEFF MARTIN
Associated Press

Gerald Herbert / AP

Trent Airhart wades through floodwaters on Wednesday in downtown Pensacola, Fla.

PENSACOLA, Fla. — Hurricane Sally lumbered ashore near the Florida-Alabama line Wednesday with 105 mph winds and rain measured in feet, not inches, swamping homes and forcing the rescue of hundreds of people as it pushed inland for what could be a slow and disastrous drenching across the Deep South.

Moving at just 3 mph, or about as fast as a person can walk, the storm made landfall at 4:45 a.m. close to Gulf Shores, Alabama, about 30 miles from Pensacola, Florida. It accelerated to a light jog as it battered the Pensacola and Mobile, Alabama, metropolitan areas encompassing nearly 1 million people.

It cast boats onto land or sank them at the dock, flattened palm trees, peeled away roofs, blew down signs and knocked out power to more than a 540,000 homes and businesses. A replica of Christopher Columbus' ship the Nina that had been docked at the Pensacola waterfront was missing, police said.

Sally tore loose a barge-mounted construction crane, which then smashed into the new Three Mile Bridge over Pensacola Bay, causing a section of the year-old span to collapse, authorities said. The storm also ripped away a large section of a fishing pier at Alabama's Gulf State Park on the very day a ribbon-cutting had been scheduled following a $2.4 million renovation.

By the afternoon, authorities in Escambia County, which includes Pensacola, said at least 377 people had been rescued from flooded areas. More than 40 people trapped by high water were brought to safety within a single hour, including a family of four found in a tree, Sheriff David Morgan said.

Authorities in Pensacola said 200 National Guard members would arrive Thursday to help. Curfews were announced in Escambia County and in some coastal Alabama towns.

Sally turned some Pensacola streets into white-capped rivers early Wednesday. Sodden debris and flooded cars were left behind as the water receded.

By early afternoon, Sally had weakened into a tropical storm, with winds down to 70 mph. Showers still fell in parts of the stricken area Wednesday evening, and the storm was expected to generate heavy rain farther inland as it moved over Alabama and into Georgia.

At least eight waterways in south Alabama and the Florida Panhandle were expected to hit their major flood levels by Thursday. Some of the crests could break records, submerge bridges and flood some homes, the National Weather Service warned.

Morgan, the Escambia County sheriff, estimated thousands would need to flee rising waters in the coming days. Escambia officials urged residents to rely on text messages for contacting family and friends to keep cellphone service open for 911 calls.

"There are entire communities that we're going to have to evacuate," the sheriff said. "It's going to be a tremendous operation over the next several days."

West of Pensacola, in Perdido Key, Florida, Joe Mirable arrived at his real estate business to find the two-story building shattered. Digging through the ruins, Mirable pointed out a binder labeled "Hurricane Action Plan."

"I think the professionals got this one wrong," he said before the wind blew away his hat.

More than 2 feet of rain was recorded near Naval Air Station Pensacola, and nearly 3 feet of water covered streets in downtown Pensacola, the National Weather Service reported.

"It's not common that you start measuring rainfall in feet," said forecaster David Eversole.

LOTTERIES

Wednesday drawings

Michigan
Classic Lotto 47
03-20-21-26-38-46
Midday Daily 3
1-6-0
Midday Daily 4
1-8-7-7
Daily 3
4-7-9
Daily 4
1-0-3-2
Fantasy 5
01-02-21-23-37
Keno
02-04-06-07-08-14-21-22-27-29-30-32-37-42-44-52-58-60-70-72-73-74
Mega Millions jackpot
$20 million
Powerball jackpot
$94 million

Tuesday drawings

Indiana
Cash 5
09-12-21-31-38
Cash4Life
06-22-36-37-50, Cash Ball: 3
Quick Draw Midday
07-18-21-24-26-27-30-31-33-35-43-50-53-57-61-62-65-69-72-78, BE: 27
Daily Three-Midday
0-2-8, SB: 2
Daily Three-Evening
5-7-9, SB: 3
Daily Four-Midday
1-2-1-6, SB: 2
Daily Four-Evening
2-9-6-8, SB: 3
Quick Draw Evening
06-09-32-34-37-39-41-42-43-48-50-54-57-59-64-65-73-74-75-79, BE: 73
Mega Millions
25-28-38-59-62, Mega Ball: 22, Megaplier: 4
Illinois
LuckyDay Lotto Midday
04-16-24-26-30
Estimated jackpot
$700,000
Pick Three-Midday
3-9-1, Fireball: 0
Pick Three-Evening
1-3-1, Fireball: 3
Pick Four-Midday
9-5-0-1, Fireball: 2
Pick Four-Evening
3-1-3-6, Fireball: 3
Lucky Day Lotto
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– The Associated Press

Study hints antibody drug may cut COVID-19 hospital visits

By MARILYNN MARCHIONE
AP Chief Medical Writer

A drug company says that partial results from a study testing an antibody drug give hints that it may help keep mild to moderately ill COVID-19 patients from needing to be hospitalized, a goal no current coronavirus medicine has been able to meet.

Eli Lilly announced the results Wednesday in a press release, but they have not been published or reviewed by independent scientists.

The drug missed the study's main goal of reducing the amount of virus patients had after 11 days, except at the middle of three doses being tested. However, most study participants, even those given a placebo treatment, had cleared the virus by then, so that time point now seems too late to judge that potential benefit, the company said.

Other tests suggest the drug was reducing virus sooner, and the results are an encouraging "proof of principle" as this and other studies continue, Lilly said.

The company said it would talk with regulators about possible next steps but that it was too soon to speculate on whether these interim results might lead to any action to allow early use.

"I'm strongly encouraged" by the results, said Dr. Myron Cohen, a University of North Carolina virologist. He had no role in the Lilly study but helps direct antibody studies for a public-private research group the federal government formed to speed testing of these drugs.

Antibodies are proteins the body makes when an infection occurs; they attach to a virus and help it be eliminated. The blood of survivors is being tested as a treatment for COVID-19 patients because it contains such antibodies, but the strength and types of antibodies varies depending on each donor, and doing this on a large scale is impractical.

Trick-or-What? Pandemic Halloween is a mixed bag

By LEANNE ITALIE
Associated Press

Frank Franklin II / AP

Revelers march during the Greenwich Village Halloween Parade in New York in 2019.

Richard Vogel / AP

Zombie sisters maneuver their way down Santa Monica Boulevard in West Hollywood, Calif., during the West Hollywood Carnaval and Halloween Parade in 2018.

NEW YORK — Roving grown-ups tossing candy at kids waiting on lawns. Drive-thru Halloween haunts. Yard parties instead of block parties and parades. Wider paths through corn mazes.

The family holiday so many look forward to each year is going to look different in the pandemic as parents and the people who provide Halloween fun navigate a myriad of restrictions and safety concerns.

Some were looking extra-forward to Halloween this year because it falls on a Saturday.

Decisions are outstanding in many areas on whether to allow kids to go door to door in search of candy, with Los Angeles first banning trick-or-treating, then downgrading its prohibition to a recommendation.

Other events have been canceled or changed, from California's Half Moon Bay to New York's legendary Sleepy Hollow – and points in between.

On a typical Halloween along Clark Avenue in the St. Louis suburb of Webster Groves, neighbors go all out to decorate their houses and yards with spooky skeletons, tombstones and jack-o'-lanterns as up to 1,000 people pack the blocked-off street to carry on an old tradition: Tell a joke, get a treat.

Not this year.

"We plan to decorate the house as usual so families can feel the Halloween spirit on their evening walks," said Kirsten Starzer, mom to two kids, ages 11 and 15. "We will put up a sign that says, 'See you next year!'"

Along the Pacific Coast about 25 miles south of San Francisco, this Halloween was meant to be a milestone for the Half Moon Bay Art & Pumpkin Festival. The two-day event, now canceled, usually draws up to 300,000 people from around the world.

"It was supposed to be our 50th year. I guess we'll have to celebrate that in 2021," said Cameron Palmer, a local business owner and president of the festival. "This year we have other things to worry about."

The kick-off event the week before, the Safeway World Championship Giant Pumpkin Weigh-Off, will carry on with no public spectators but plenty of humongous orange contestants as the judging goes virtual.

There's still some Halloween fun to be had in New York's Sleepy Hollow more than 200 years after Washington Irving published his classic story about the headless horseman. But the undead, evil and insane who usually entertain at Philipsburg Manor won't be present for the annual horror walk-through Horseman's Hollow.

It, too, is a pandemic casualty.

In North Kansas City, Missouri, the city's parks and recreation department canceled its Halloween in the Park event, instead inviting families to pick up a mystery box with candy and other surprises inside.

"The health and safety of our children and families are our priority during this time," the city explained on its website.

While the future is uncertain for trick-or-treating, Americans have been stocking up on candy. U.S. sales of Halloween-themed chocolate and candy were up 70 percent over 2019 in the four weeks ending Aug. 9, according to the National Confectioners Association.

Ferrara Candy Co., which makes a Halloween staple, Brach's Candy Corn, said most of its retail partners asked for early shipments of Halloween candy because of expected demand. Target, however, is reducing candy assortments in anticipation of less trick-or-treating.

Candy-getting scenarios are afloat on social media, with some planning treat tosses to stationary children in their yards so the young don't have to leave their pandemic bubbles. Others are considering long sticks with hooks for candy buckets at the end, offering social distance at collection time, or long chutes to send the candy through to dressed-up recipients.

Alina Morse, a 15-year-old candy entrepreneur outside Detroit, suggests fashioning a Halloween candy tree decorated with lights and treats so kids can pluck their own from a porch or yard.

"Selecting a treat from the tree makes the safe, self-serve experience much more fun, said Alina, who heads Zolli Candy.

None of that is enough for some parents wary about going door to door with their kids, while others are willing, with care, if their areas allow it.

In Chicago's Lincoln Park neighborhood, Jamie Bender said it all depends for her two kids, ages 3 and 5.

"If our neighbors are wearing masks when they open the door, we would let the kids trick-or-treat a few houses then do the obligatory wipe-down of candy wrappers," she said.

Halloween is Camille Maniago's 10th birthday. With Halloween on a Saturday, her family in Long Beach, California, was going to go big, but the pandemic put a stop to that.

"We're not sure what we'll do now, but it will probably involve a family costume and a small celebration with our immediate pod," said Camille's mother, Rachel Maniago.

On the Halloween haunts front, Brett Hays of the Haunted Attraction Association, said roughly half the attractions among his 800 or so members will not be able to run this year due to the pandemic.

"It's so uneven in terms of regulations right now," said Hays, the group's president. "Whatever local agencies have been put in charge of this really are clamoring to try to get a hold of what's going on and be able to handle it."

A few haunts have created drive-thru experiences, an approach Hays isn't a huge fan of, noting the potential danger of startled in drivers with their feet on gas pedals. Other attractions have gone to timed tickets. Many expect a 50 percent reduction in attendance in an industry that usually generates about $1.14 billion in annual ticket sales, primarily during Halloween season.

"Nobody's going to have a great year," Hays said. "There's no doubt about it."

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Benton Twp. to take on Two more infrastructure projects

Water main work targeted for summer of 2021

By TONY WITTKOWSKI
HP Staff Writer

BENTON TOWNSHIP — Benton Township is moving forward on two water main projects that are expected to begin next year.

On Tuesday, the board voted to break ground and add new water lines on two stretches of road along Napier and Colfax avenues. The projects are expected to improve circulation in the water system by connecting existing dead ends and creating closed loops.

The first project will require the installation of about 4,000 feet of new water main along Napier and Dewey avenues.

The Napier Avenue portion extends from Dewey Avenue to about 400 feet west of Euclid Avenue. The Dewey Avenue portion extends from Napier Avenue by about 1,700 feet south of Euclid Avenue.

This marks the first phase of Project 11 in the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund Project Plan that was approved by the township board and submitted to the Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy in June.

Steve Oosting, senior engineer with Prein & Newhof, said the project is scheduled for construction in the summer or fall of 2021. However, the township is still waiting for state funding.

For the design portion of the project, the township will pay $110,000. Construction costs will be determined after the project is put out for bid.

"The proposal you have before you is for the design engineering services that would be to prepare the construction plans, specifications and facilitate the public bidding process," he said. "We would also continue to facilitate the process with the state."

The second project consists of building about 1,700 feet of new water main line along Colfax Avenue, from Napier Avenue to Eloise Drive.

The project is identified as Project 10 in the township's DWSRF Project Plan, and is scheduled for construction in the summer or fall of 2021.

For the design portion of the project, the township will pay $71,000. Construction costs will be determined after the project is put out for bid.

The township has already applied for funding from the state revolving fund for several big projects related to its water and sewer systems. The state revolving fund issues low-interest loans at below-market rates to municipalities.

"We've been notified by the state that the township's plan has been accepted," Oosting said. "The township can continue moving forward with the plan in process for these projects."

Looking for more assistance in rebuilding its aging water and sewer systems, the township also approved two bonds in February – one for water system projects and another for sewer infrastructure projects – that would provide millions in funding.

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NATURE IN SILHOUETTE

Don Campbell / HP staff

A monarch butterfly flits among trees Tuesday afternoon at a St. Joseph home.

Appeals court: Mass mailing of absent ballot applications OK

By DAVID EGGERT
Associated Press

LANSING — Secretary of State Jocelyn Benson's mass mailing of unsolicited absentee ballot applications to millions of 2020 voters was deemed legal by Michigan's appeals court, which ruled Wednesday she had "inherent" authority to act under a 2018 constitutional amendment expanding voting rights.

The court upheld a lower judge's ruling in a 2-1 decision.

"Defendant's conduct did not interfere with Michigan qualified registered voters' rights. Ultimately, it is up to each voter to decide whether to vote in person or apply for an absentee ballot," Judges James Redford and Jonathan Tukel wrote.

Benson, a Democrat, began sending the applications in May to all voters in the battleground state who were not already on permanent absentee ballot lists for the August primary and November general elections, which Benson said was a way to encourage safe voting during the coronavirus pandemic.

Lawsuits were filed by Yvonne Black and Nevin Cooper-Keel, Republican candidates for the state House who later lost in the primary, and Robert Davis, an activist and serial litigant.

In a dissent, Judge Patrick Peter said a law explicitly only gives local clerks the power to distribute absentee ballot applications, not the secretary of state.

When Benson announced the mass mailing, she was criticized by President Donald Trump, who wrongly stated that she was sending absentee ballots, not applications.

A record 2.5 million votes were cast in the August primary, including a record 1.6 million absentee ballots that were submitted by mail, at a drop box or in a clerk's office. Already, about 2.3 million absentee ballots have been requested for the fall election, which Benson said puts Michigan on track to receive more than 3 million that are completed.

At a virus-related news conference that included Benson and voting advocates on Wednesday, Democratic Gov. Gretchen Whitmer thanked the state Senate for passing legislation that would let certain clerks start processing a surge of absentee ballots the day before the election. She urged the House to follow suit.

IN BRIEF

Berrien County online auction underway

ST. JOSEPH — Bidding has started on the almost 200 properties being auctioned off in Berrien County due to the non-payment of property taxes for at least three years in a row.

A link to the properties can be found at www.berriencounty.org/823/Land-Auction.

Berrien County Treasurer Shelly Weich said the live part of the online auction will be from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. on Sept. 26.

The county contracted with Tax-Sale.info to auction off the properties online due to the COVID-19 pandemic.

The lowest bids accepted will cover back taxes plus fees and costs. She said that a second auction will be held Nov. 3 for properties that don't sell. The starting bid for properties at the second auction is $50.

Wednesday COVID-19 update

Berrien County added 15 new COVID-19 cases and 11 new recoveries Wednesday.

No new deaths were recorded.

With deaths and recoveries, the county had about 72 active COVID-19 cases – up slightly from 68 on Tuesday and down slightly from 78 last Wednesday.

Spectrum Health Lakeland was treating six COVID-19 patients Wednesday morning. That's up from five on Tuesday and down from eight last Wednesday.

Van Buren County added three COVID-19 cases on Wednesday, while Cass County added eight. No new deaths were recorded in either county.

Community Grand Rounds event set for next Thursday

By HP STAFF

ST. JOSEPH — Community members are invited to join award-winning medical writer and editor Harriet Washington for an online discussion titled, "Building a Trustworthy Healthcare System: Notes from History, Ethics and Contemporary Crises."

WASHINGTON

The event is scheduled for 3:30-5 p.m. Thursday, Sept. 24, and attendees can get information and register at spectrumhealthlakeland.org/cgr. A valid email address is required, and participants will be emailed a link to access the online forum.

During her talk, Washington will discuss medical myths regarding race, systemic inequities, and the way the health care industry has had negative consequences for people of color.

She will also address health vulnerabilities of people of color triggered by racism and infectious disease biases during the COVID-19 pandemic.

"The talk will illustrate how we can change the health care system and influence policies that advocate fairness and aim to overcome structural racism," Jessica Springer, senior marketing and communications specialist for Spectrum Health Lakeland, said in a news release announcing the event.

Author of "Medical Apartheid," Washington has taught at Harvard School of Public Health and University of Rochester. She also has served on the board for organizations such as the Journal of the National Medical Association and Young Women's Christian Association.

Washington's presentation is part of an education and awareness series titled, "Community Grand Rounds: Healing the Trauma of Racism," which is a collaborative effort between Spectrum Health Lakeland and the Todman Family Foundation.

Committee to meet to consider Lewis Cass ISD's name

By LOUISE WREGE
HP Staff Writer

CASSOPOLIS — The newly formed committee looking at the name of the Lewis Cass Intermediate School District is expected to meet for the first time in the next month, Superintendent Brent Holcomb told ISD board members Wednesday.

"We have six members solidified," he said. "We're trying to get a seventh member for the committee."

He said he expects the committee to meet at least once before the ISD's October board meeting, which will be at 10 a.m. Oct. 21. Meetings are being held virtually due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Information on how to participate will be posted on the district's website at www.lewiscassisd.org.

The legacy of Lewis Cass was called into question in June when Gov. Gretchen Whitmer renamed the state-owned Lewis Cass Building in Lansing. It is now called the Elliott-Larsen Building, to honor civil rights leaders and state Reps. Daisy Elliott and Melvin Larsen, who introduced the Elliott-Larsen Civil Rights Act in 1977.

A news release about the renaming said that while Cass was important to the state's history, he also owned a slave, defended a system that would permit the expansion of slavery, and implemented a policy to forcibly remove Native Americans from their tribal lands.

Cass was a longtime territorial governor of Michigan in the early 1800s and later served as President Andrew Jackson's secretary of war, where he was in charge of the Indian Removal Act.

ISD President Kevin Anderson said after the meeting that he's heard from several people, both for and against changing the ISD's name.

"I know that at least one person who would like to see the name change and one who would not like to see the name change will both be serving on that committee," he said after the meeting. "That's what we want. We want to be able to have multiple voices out there and make sure that all sides are heard ... so when it comes to the board, the board can make an informed decision."

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ISD president

Anderson said that if committee members recommend to the ISD board that the name be changed, they are also expected to suggest what the new name should be.

He said the ISD will seek public input on any possible name change, but he's uncertain when that will happen in the process.

"We don't feel compelled to do something immediately, but we do feel compelled to make sure there's community input," Anderson said.

He said the board would like the committee's recommendation by the end of the year, but if members need more time, it will be given to them.

"As a board, we're going to make sure all of this is done in a very transparent way," he said. "... The process in coming to a decision is very important."

During the meeting, Holcomb said the ISD recently received a letter from a Dowagiac resident opposing changing the name.

He said the letter concluded: "Michigan, Cass County, Dowagiac and Dowagiac schools were aided by the successful efforts of Lewis Cass towards education, libraries, schooling of children. Succumbing to unfounded claims to simply vilify an important founder of our state and city is to rewrite history and is disingenuous."

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Scrapping Electoral College is bad idea

Jonah Goldberg

Let's squarely face an ugly possibility: President Trump could get elected a second time without winning the popular vote. Indeed, according to most experts, that's the only way he could be reelected.

This would surely prompt another chorus of calls to scrap the Electoral College. I think that would be a mistake.

I say that even as I acknowledge that Trump has undermined the Electoral College's legitimacy – not because he owes his election to it, but because of how he has behaved since taking office.

One of the Electoral College's purposes is to broaden the president's mandate and agenda by forcing candidates to appeal to different parts of the country and not just rack up votes in one region or a handful of states. But previous presidents who didn't win the popular vote made a point of reaching out, once in office, beyond the coalition that elected them and at least pretending to lead the whole country.

Trump went a different way, effectively putting his thumb in the eye of the majority that didn't vote for him.

But that's not an argument for getting rid of the Electoral College, nor does it address the reasons people are mistakenly focusing on it.

The first problem with its elimination is purely pragmatic. Electing presidents via popular vote would be a logistical disaster, rendering every recount a national recount. Moreover, eliminating the Electoral College would require a wholesale revision of the Constitution. That process would almost surely fail, and it would certainly be ugly.

Reasonable reformers understand this, which is why they propose a national compact by which states agree to direct their electors to vote in accordance with the national popular vote.

That would be better than outright repeal, partly because if the compact backfired, it could be easily reversed. But popular elections would still raise problems. Candidates would be incentivized to rack up huge majorities among their bases. An outright majority of votes could be gotten simply with populist appeals to a handful of large, highly urbanized states. If you're a pure-democracy fetishist, that may sound fine. But how would it lessen polarization?

Indeed, I think polarization, not love of democracy, is what's driving antipathy for the Electoral College. Prior to 2016, there was a period when Democrats boasted of their "Blue Wall," which gave them an Electoral College advantage. But once Trump crashed through the wall, many of the same people suddenly declared the Electoral College to be a white supremacist vestige of slavery. (It isn't.)

For complicated reasons all fueled by polarization, voters, parties and politicians increasingly act as if we live in a parliamentary democracy, casting ballots for a party more than a candidate. Presidential contenders encourage this by insinuating, or stating outright, that winning an election is all that's required to implement their agenda.

Partisan legislators – and they are nearly all partisans now – vote in near lockstep with their president when they're of the same party and in lockstep opposition when they're not.

Our constitutional system wasn't designed for this dysfunction. The federal system of checks and balances was intended to foster stability and compromise while protecting the rights of political minorities and, crucially, individual liberty. If you really think government should only be answerable to the immediate desires of 50 percent plus one of voters, why have a Bill of Rights?

Such considerations are swept away when voters, parties and political institutions have neither the interest nor the capacity to honor them.

The growing anger at the Electoral College comes from the desire – and expectation – that all your political desires should be fulfilled without constraints simply by voting.

But even parliamentary democracies don't work this way. Despite all the rhetoric about the Electoral College being anachronistic, very few advanced democracies – and none in Western Europe – elect national leaders without some mediating process designed to filter out demagogues or the unfit.

Such mechanisms are arguably more important in our system because we combine the head of state and the head of government in one person. From this perspective, one could argue the Electoral College isn't too strong, but too weak.

Regardless, the Electoral College, like states themselves, is part of a system intended not so much to constrain democracy, but to channel it productively. Removing it – a major step toward nullifying states themselves – would further centralize government and fuel the disordered politics driving the foolish effort to abandon the Electoral College in the first place.

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We give a damn too late

Leonard Pitts

LOS ANGELES – We gave a damn too late.

Sometimes, I think that will be the legacy of this generation. Or maybe I'm just tired of seeing people walking around without masks as if a pandemic had not taken almost 200,000 American lives. Then again, it could just be the smoke.

On a normal morning, the sky here is a metallic gray. Today, it is a queasy yellow. The sun is blurry and the air smells faintly like a backyard barbecue.

The Golden State is burning, dozens of wildfires charring its forests, darkening its skies. One fire, burning north of San Francisco, is being called the largest in California history. The previous record holder was just two years ago.

We have come here, my wife and I, for a family funeral. We drove because we didn't want to end up wedged in an airline seat next to some MAGA hat-wearing COVID denier who thinks being required to wear a mask infringes her civil rights. But we could have saved ourselves the trouble, because from a restaurant in Missouri to a gas station in Arizona, maskless faces are unavoidable all across America. Indeed, some shoot dirty looks when you walk by with your face covered.

I can't help thinking of all the times I've seen people like this on the news, sickened, chastened, weakened and warning their fellow deniers that, as one put it, "COVID is no joke." And I always wonder: why was it necessary for them to learn that the hard way? Why did they give a damn too late?

Many observers, myself included, have invoked the stoic sacrifices of the World War II generation as sharp contrast to the whiny petulance so prominent in COVID-era America. Our grandparents went without sugar, gasoline and meat for four years, we say, whereas these crybabies are blubbering because they are asked to mask.

The comparison is meant to point up our modern selfishness, our inability to pull together. But it occurs to me that that misses an important nuance. After all, there was selfishness in the 1940s, too, as attested by a thriving black market that allowed some people to evade rationing. The more telling difference is that nobody in that era had to be convinced the war was real. So the issue is not simply degrees of selfishness, but of ignorance, the willingness to deny – to actively reject – empirical fact.

Which brings us back to the fire. Experts trace this siege to hotter, drier conditions caused by climate change. Yet, after ignoring the crisis for weeks, there was climate denier-in-chief Donald Trump visiting the state Monday and blaming the disaster on improper forest management. Which is a reprise of 2018, when he mused on the need to rake our forests.

Climate change activists have been warning for years about bigger natural disasters and more extreme weather. Now we are there. A freak summer snowstorm blankets Denver, a huge chunk of the arctic ice shelf breaks off Greenland, a record-setting hurricane season has storms pummeling the Americas like a boxer working a speed bag, Cali is burning and yet, where is any sense of urgency? Of national mission?

We give a damn too late.

That's because Americans live strung between reality and its alternative, where magical thinking is common and facts-denial the law. Now the bill comes due, payable in currency of ashes and fevers, blackened homes, congested lungs, and death. And the payments have only just begun. You wait and hope for those who've moved to reality's alternative to return home. But even if they do, so much damage is already done.

Sometimes, when you give a damn too late, it's the same as not giving a damn at all.

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LETTERS

We shouldn't be afraid to talk about race

Editor,

Why do so many social justice advocates believe they can force people's minds open with one-way dialogues, civil disruption and murals?

When the television show, "All in the Family" first aired, the civil rights movement was still fresh in the air, and so were the painful assassinations of many of its leaders. To many, the show's humor that relied on harsh racial stereotypes seemed like the wrong medicine at the wrong time. Oddly enough, though, its courage to not censor the debate about prejudice ended up being just what the doctor ordered.

It showed us that no matter how different Archie's views were from Mike, Gloria, Irene, George or Lionel, there was goodness in all of them, and they certainly did not hate each other. They could disagree passionately, but the ties of family and community were never absent.

This was great for the audience, because instead of taking sides, we found ourselves wondering, what if Mike and Gloria had fought in World War II like Archie did, and endured his 25 years riding the subway to work on a loading dock. Would it cause them to see the world the same way he does? What if after making 30 years of mortgage payments, they discovered the value of their only large investment (their home) was being threatened by block busters and bank red-lining? Would it make them fear racial change like Archie did?

On the flipside, what if Archie had avoided military service by going to college, and been able to live rent-free while working towards a master's degree and a high paying teaching job? Would it have resulted in him having the same views of the world as the others? Most importantly, how was Lionel able to know all of Archie's fears and prejudices so well, yet still respect him enough to be his friend?

I don't know the answer to these questions, nobody does. After all, we're talking about a fictional cast of characters. What I do know is the show put everything on the table without leaving its audience polarized. That made me less afraid to be around people different than me, and gave me the appetite to have more informed opinions of the world.

When the show first aired, I lived in a suburb where everybody came to escape all the things Archie Bunker was afraid of. Safe and tidy it was, but on its best day, it had none of the appeal of the Bunker's living room.

C'MON... GETTING SICK & POSSIBLY DYING... ISN'T THAT JUST PART OF THE 'COLLEGE EXPERIENCE'?
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If there was a place I could debate the viewpoints of my existence with neighbors who all saw the world differently, I was willing to risk everything to have that experience.

So at 26, I bought a dilapidated 100-year-old mansion in a predominantly Black neighborhood. It cost less than many people pay for their car, but I put everything I had into it, and the lessons I learned living there about race, politics and people changed everything I thought I already knew.

Warren Stewart
Stevensville

BLM mural should have been allowed

Editor,

We are appalled. In Michigan, Kalamazoo, Lansing, Jackson and Flint have street murals declaring, "Black Lives Matter." Detroit has a street mural declaring, "Power to the People."

The city commissioners of St. Joseph said they would not allow a Black Lives Matter street mural on Stadium Drive in front of St. Joseph High School because of "liability and legal matters." Give us a break. Those five Michigan cities have street murals on much busier streets than Stadium Drive.

We commend the Mows, Trenton Bowens, and the St. Joseph High School students for their valiant effort to take the right step toward showing solidarity with Benton Harbor.

Shame on the St. Joseph city commissioners for voting it down!

Mark and Libby Globensky
St. Joseph

Trump has blood on his hands

Editor,

On a March 19 recording, Trump tells Woodward that the panvirus was much worse than the flu with a 5 percent mortality rate (instead of flu's less than 1 percent). Instead Donald consistently told us it would go away like magic, like a miracle, that it was just like the flu.

In his defense, Donald recently said, "I wanted to always play it down. … I still like playing it down because I don't want to create a panic." Playing down a pandemic is like telling us a hurricane is just a storm, or a tornado is just a little wind. Trump lies, people die.

Now Trump tells us we need to let the virus run its course so we can gain herd immunity. Perhaps because COVID-19 strikes disproportionately against people of color, seniors, health impaired individuals, obese and poor people, our president can live with 300,000 or more American deaths because the hardy young ones in our fractured country may yet survive. The COVID-19 long-term effects on brain impairment, heart disease and kidney failure is emerging, even among the healthy young.

Trump ordered the CDC, NIH and all other health leaders like Dr. Fauci to remain silent so he could spout nonsense about ingesting bleach, opening the body up to sunlight and taking hydroxychloroquine (which poisons people). He had CDC reports rewritten to water them down. Why can't our medical experts speak and write freely without government censorship?

While countries who successfully contained COVID-19 took steps (mass testing, tracing contacts, containment and isolation), the president is still trying to get states to reopen. Donald even endangers our children, demanding schools reopen as child infection rates soar.

He did take control of PPE with the feds seizing supplies the states had ordered for themselves. It got so bad that Illinois had to sneak in a PPE supply flight so Donald couldn't seize them to hand out to his Republican friends. Mr. President, you now have the blood of 200,000 Americans on your hands because you knew the truth, and refused to lead us out of this hell.

Dennis Higdon
St. Joseph

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Just monkeying around: Primate takes phone, then selfies

KUALA LUMPUR, Malaysia (AP) — A Malaysian student whose cellphone was stolen while he was sleeping has tracked down the culprit: a monkey who took photo and video selfies with the device before abandoning it.

Zackrydz Rodzi, 20, said Wednesday that his phone was missing from his bedroom when he woke up Saturday. He found the phone's casing under his bed but there was no sign of robbery in his house in southern Johor state.

When his father saw a monkey the next day, he launched a search in the jungle behind his house. Using his brother's phone to call the device, he found it covered in mud under a palm tree. But a bigger surprise came when he checked his phone and found a series of monkey selfies and videos recorded in the phone.

"My uncle was joking that maybe the monkey took some selfies with the phone. ... So when I checked my phone picture gallery, I was shocked. The suspect's face was plastered on the screen. It was hilarious," Zackrydz said.

He said he was curious why the monkey took the phone and not the camera or other things in his room. He said the primate must have thought it was food as it has a colorful casing.

Most of the images were blurry, but some showed the monkey's face. One of the videos taken from atop a tree showed glimpses of the monkey opening his mouth and appearing to try to eat the phone.

Zackrydz Rodzi via AP Photo

A monkey that took a selfie in Batu Pahat in the southern state of Johor, Malaysia, on Saturday.

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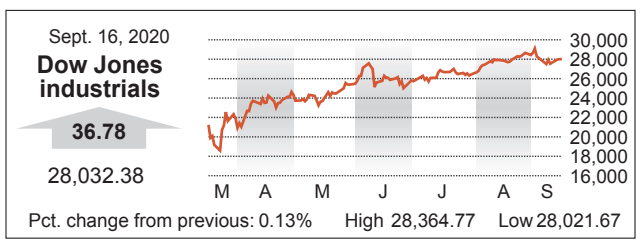

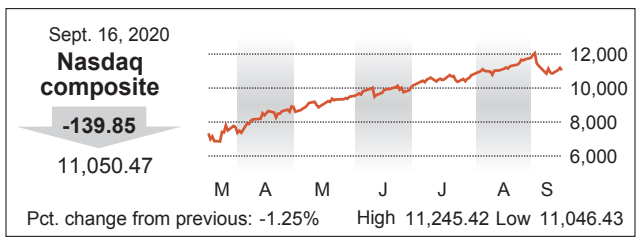

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Getting it straight

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A story in Wednesday's paper on page A3 about Benton Township's upcoming wastewater project, incorrectly stated who owns the river crossing. The Joint Wastewater Plant owns and maintains the structure.

Michigan's U.S. Senate candidates talk COVID recovery, health care

By MALACHI BARRETT
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U.S. Sen. Gary Peters, D-Bloomfield Township and Republican challenger John James outlined the differences in their approach to various issues during a virtual town hall Wednesday.

Peters, a longtime politician who served three terms in the U.S. House before being elected to the Senate in 2014, is seeking a second six-year term. James, a Farmington Hills businessman, is taking a second run at a Senate seat after unsuccessfully challenging U.S. Sen. Debbie Stabenow, D-Lansing, in 2018.

Peters and James joined an online town hall hosted by the Detroit Regional Chamber of Commerce and Detroit Public Television. Candidates appeared individually and fielded questions from moderators Stephen Henderson and Nolan Finley for 20 minutes each.

Polls of Michigan voters consistently find Peters with an edge over James, though the margin between the candidates indicates the race will be competitive. A new statewide poll released Sept. 8 by The Detroit News and WDIV found Peters and James are in a dead heat.

Peters is one of two Senate Democrats up for reelection in states President Donald Trump won in 2016. Trump won Michigan by the smallest margin of any state, making it one of the most closely watched states in the 2020 presidential election.

Meanwhile, the two candidates haven't been able to agree on a schedule for debates with only 47 days left until the Nov. 3 election.

Economic recovery

Peters went first and was promptly asked about why he didn't support a $300 billion COVID-19 stimulus package that was blocked by Senate Democrats last week. Peters said the bill didn't go far enough and criticized Senate Majority Leader Mitch McConnell for not negotiating with House Democrats who passed a $3 trillion bill in May.

"We've got to come together, and it's got to be meaningful; it's got to be in good faith," Peters said. "We've seen negotiations move forward and yet Mitch McConnell put out a proposal then he came back and had a vote on a proposal that would be even smaller than the one he had before. If he's serious about negotiations, we should go back to the table."

James said he would have voted in favor of the bill.

"People need help now," James said. "Our schools need help now, and that relief should be tied directly and only to COVID-related shortfalls."

Peters expressed concern about the growing cost of federal assistance to deal with the pandemic, which has killed 194,092 Americans, but said the spending is necessary in a time of crisis.

Peters said Congress must act in a bipartisan way like when it passed the CARES Act, a $2.2 trillion economic stimulus bill signed into law in March.

"That was money that needed to be spent to get to keep the economy going," Peters said. "We know if the economy had collapsed, it would be much more expensive. At a time of emergency, you do need to put money into the system."

Peters said Congress should remain focused on spurring economic growth and assisting small businesses and manufacturers.

"When we're dealing with the deficit, you have to look at spending, you have to look at revenue, and you have to look at economic growth," he said. "Right now our focus needs to be on economic growth."

James said economic recovery hinges on tearing down barriers to starting businesses. He also called for investments in infrastructure and transit to help Detroiters access job opportunities, highlighting his work on state task forces dealing with transportation and business development.

"You look at the service-based jobs that are available in the suburbs but you have most people who can work those jobs in the city, and they're isolated from that opportunity," James said.

James criticized Peters for voting in favor of tax increases during his career in Congress. He called for tax reforms to help businesses grow.

"What the government needs to provide business is certainty, and I think we can do that with common-sense, science-based, tax reform, regulatory reform and tort reform, so that we can have positive, sustainable, inclusive economic growth that incentivizes businesses to come back and thrive in Michigan," James said.

Health care

James was challenged by moderators to describe his plan to improve health care. He had expressed opposition to the Affordable Care Act during his 2018 Senate bid, but more recently said he supports keeping the bill in place while making improvements.

"Repeal and replace doesn't ever work in the real world," James said.

James, who is president of an auto supply chain business, said his employees have seen costs increase and "choices reduced" after the ACA was implemented. He proposed a "primary care provision" that would allow people to visit their primary physician at not cost to prevent health issues before they become serious.

"We need to have a market-based patient-centered approach that must be for pre-existing conditions," James said. " I think through tort reform and regulatory reform we can increase transparency in the health care industry, we can increase quality, we can increase choice and we can decrease costs."

Peters said he's been pushing the Trump administration to open an emergency enrollment period so people can gain insurance through the ACA during the pandemic. Peters said the ACA has helped 1 million Michigan residents secure coverage.

The senator expressed support to keep making improvements through legislation, citing lowering the cost of prescription drugs as one example. Peters said he does not support "Medicare for All," but favors offering a public option to buy into Medicare and lowering the eligible age to 50.

"People who say that 'well I'll still protect pre-existing conditions' but have no plan, well you actually have to have a plan," Peters said. "You can't have hollow words. Shallow talking points aren't going to deal with the immensity of this problem."

Police reform, military funding

The conversation shifted to police reform, as moderators noted James is among a small group of Black Republicans. James said he has personal experience being targeted by police and knows what it's like to fear for his safety during a traffic stop.

James said more funding is needed for police departments to improve use of force training, community policing, hire more officers who live in the areas they police and improve transparency in departments.

"Our police in the law enforcement officers are doing great work but still, we need to have support so that our officers can be able to do their job and keep us all safe with the resources they need," James said.

Henderson, a veteran Black journalist moderating the conversation, noted that the Trump administration pulled back police reform efforts that were ongoing. When asked whether he supports the administration's approach to police reform, James pointed to a GOP Senate bill blocked by Democrats, including Peters.

"I'm running against a guy who has been calling for police reform for a couple of years, and then when he had the opportunity to vote for it, he chose his party," James said. "He voted against a further debate on police reform to improve that bill."

Trump not ready to OK TikTok deal, admits U.S. won't get cut

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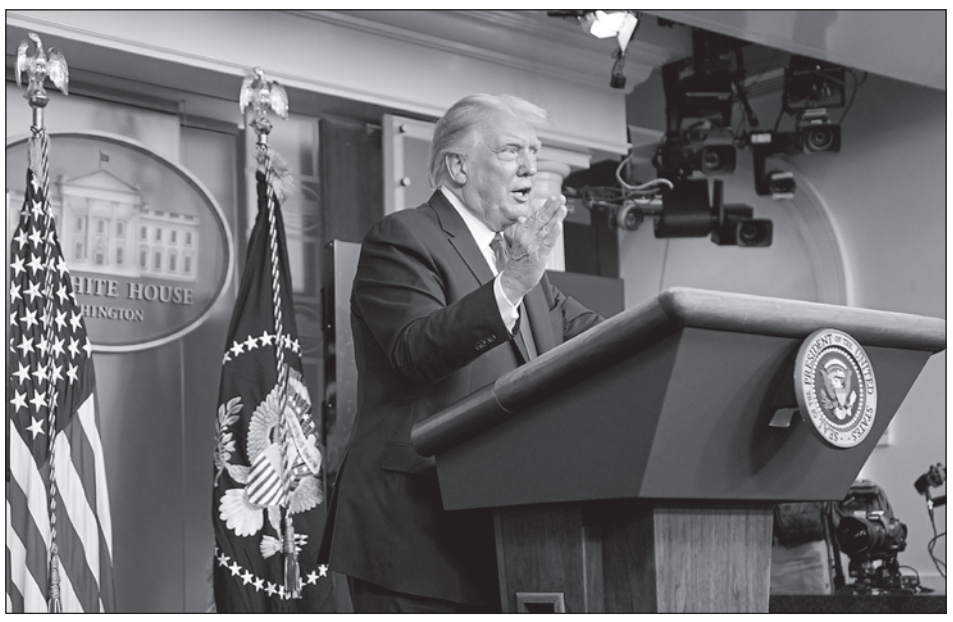

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President Trump speaks during a news conference at the White House on Wednesday.

WASHINGTON — President Donald Trump said he expects to get a report Thursday about Oracle's bid for the Chinese-owned video-sharing app TikTok and admitted there is no legal path to letting the U.S. Treasury get a cut of the deal – a proposition experts had criticized as unprecedented and possibly illegal.

"I'm not prepared to sign off on anything. I have to see the deal," Trump told White House reporters Wednesday evening about Oracle's interest in TikTok.

Some in the U.S. have raised concerns about the deal, fearing that ByteDance Ltd., the Chinese company that owns TikTok, would maintain access to information on the 100 million TikTok users in the United States.

"It has to be 100 percent as far as national security is concerned," Trump said.

The president previously said that he would ban TikTok if it wasn't sold to an American company. In an Aug. 6 order, Trump said TikTok "reportedly censors content that the Chinese Communist Party deems politically sensitive," is potentially a source for disinformation campaigns and "threatens to allow the Chinese Communist Party access to Americans' personal and proprietary information."

TikTok maintains that it has not shared U.S. user data with the Chinese government and would not do so, says it does not censor videos at the request of Chinese authorities and notes that moderators for U.S. operations are led by a U.S. team.

Trump said he was stunned to learn that the Treasury could not receive any payment in exchange for the U.S. signing off on the deal.

"Amazingly, I find that you're not allowed to do that," Trump said. "If they're willing to make big payments to the government they're not allowed because ... there's no legal path to doing that. ... How foolish can we (the United States) be?"

TikTok, which says it has 100 million users in the U.S. and 700 million globally, is known for fun, goofy videos of dancing, lip-syncing, pranks and jokes. It's also home to more political material, some of which is critical of Trump.

The Oracle arrangement, according to a person familiar with the matter who isn't authorized to speak publicly, entrusts TikTok's U.S. user data to Oracle, which would oversee technical operations for TikTok in the U.S. Oracle won't develop code for the app, but will review it and updates to it.

Not all Republicans are on board with the Oracle deal. Sen. Josh Hawley of Missouri, a frequent critic of both China and the tech sector, called for the government to reject the Oracle partnership and instead pursue a full sale of TikTok in the U.S. or ban the app.

"An ongoing 'partnership' that allows for anything other than the full emancipation of the TikTok software from potential Chinese Communist Party control is completely unacceptable, and flatly inconsistent with the President's Executive Order of Aug. 6," he wrote on Tuesday.

A group of six other Republican senators led by Marco Rubio of Florida on Wednesday sent a letter to the president expressing reservations about the partnership agreement with Oracle, saying that it appears to have "significant unresolved national security issues" and that a deal "must ensure that TikTok's U.S. operations, data and algorithms are entirely outside the control of ByteDance or any Chinese-state directed actors."

A Trump executive order has set a Sept. 20 deadline, although it isn't clear what will happen on that day. TikTok has sued to stop the ban, which also affects a separately owned Chinese messaging app, WeChat, which is used by several million in the U.S.

DO YOU REMEMBER?

1995 – 25 years ago

While walking along the beaches or piers in St. Joseph, those with a keen eye might catch a glimpse of the little gull or red phalarope. But those attending the fourth Midwest Birding Symposium this weekend also may observe some rarities if they are alert. The symposium, which begins today and runs through Sunday at Lake Michigan College's Mendel Center, is a biennial event that began in 1989. More then 100 speakers and exhibitors will make presentations for the 700 registered.

1985 – 35 years ago

Forty Michigan State University faculty members will tour Benton Harbor on Sept. 25 as part of a joint project to tackle the city's problems. "A Day in Benton Harbor," developed by MSU and the city, includes a bus tour led by Alex Little, Benton Harbor's director of economic development, and a meeting with Mayor Wilce Cooke. John Schweitzer, director of urban affairs at MSU, said the university's resources will be used to help the people of Benton Harbor improve their quality of life. The program, which is one component of the Benton Harbor Demonstration Project is financed by a $42,286 grant from Whirlpool Foundation.

1970 – 50 years ago

The third annual Watervliet Invitational cross country meet will be held Saturday at the high school under the direction of Panthers coach Gene Bednarowski. The meet, which replaces one Bednarowski initiated at Lawton during his coaching tenure there, will include varsity and junior varsity races on Watervliet's new 2.5-mile course. More than 200 runners from 25 schools are expected to compete in the two meets. Bednarowski said defending champ Vicksburg is the team to beat, and also has the top returning finisher from last year's meet, Brad Penny, who finished 10th.

TODAY IN HISTORY

By THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Today is Thursday, Sept. 17, the 261st day of 2020. There are 105 days left in the year.

Highlight in history:

On Sept. 17, 1787, the Constitution of the United States was completed and signed by a majority of delegates attending the Constitutional Convention in Philadelphia.

On this date:

In 1862, more than 3,600 men were killed in the Civil War Battle of Antietam in Maryland.

In 1908, Lt. Thomas E. Selfridge of the U.S. Army Signal Corps became the first person to die in the crash of a powered aircraft, the Wright Flyer, at Fort Myer, Virginia, just outside Washington, D.C.

In 1937, the likeness of President Abraham Lincoln's head was dedicated at Mount Rushmore.

In 1939, the Soviet Union invaded Poland during World War II, more than two weeks after Nazi Germany had launched its assault.

In 1944, during World War II, Allied paratroopers launched Operation Market Garden, landing behind German lines in the Netherlands. (After initial success, the Allies were beaten back by the Germans.)

5-Day Forecast for St. Joseph

Today	Tonight	Friday	Saturday	Sunday	Monday
Sunny	Clear	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny	Sunny
66°	46°	63° / 43°	64° / 46°	68° / 48°	73° / 53°

Local Outlook

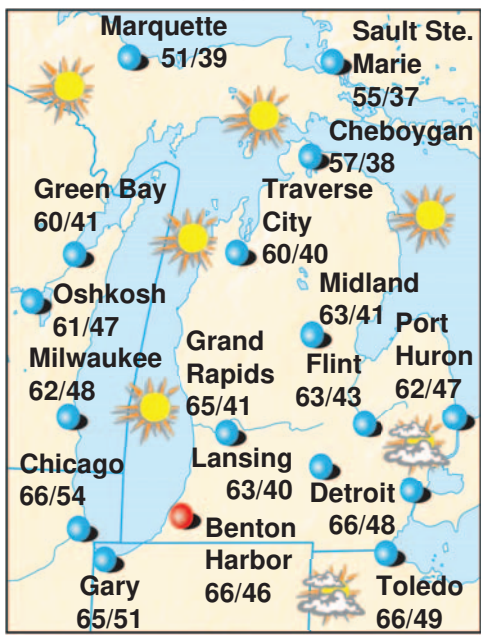
Today we will see sunny skies, high temperature of 66°, humidity of 47%. North northeast wind 11 to 14 mph. Expect clear skies tonight, overnight low of 46°. North northeast wind 7 to 14 mph. Friday, skies will be sunny, high of 63°, humidity of 41%.

Sun and Moon

Sunrise	7:28 a.m.
Sunset	7:50 p.m.
Moonrise	7:26 a.m.
Moonset	8:27 p.m.

New	First	Full	Last
9/17	9/23	10/1	10/9

Regional Map



Local Almanac

Benton Harbor Yesterday

Temperature

High	79°
Low	52°
Normal High	74°
Normal Low	53°
Record High	92° in 2018
Record Low	38° in 2011

Precipitation

Yesterday	0.00"
Month to date	2.10"
Normal for month	1.81"
Year to date	27.92"
Normal Year to date	27.35"

Air Quality

Yesterday	36
Main Offender	Ozone

The higher the number, the greater the need for people with respiratory problems to reduce outside activity.

0-50	Good
51-100	Moderate
101-150	Sensitive
151-200	Unhealthy

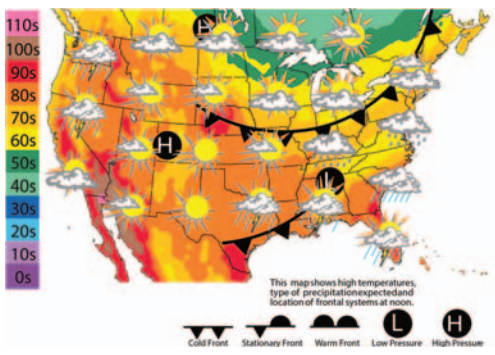
Weather Trivia

In weather terms, "La Nina" refers to?

Answer: A cooling of coastal waters off of Pacific Peru and Ecuador.

National Weather Map

Forecast map for Sept. 17, 2020



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Lake Michigan

Today, NE wind 13 to 15 kt. Sunny. Waves 2 to 3 ft. Water temperature 68 degrees. Tonight, N wind 11 to 19 kt. Mostly clear. Waves around 3 ft.

Michigan Forecast

Upper Peninsula

Today, skies will be sunny with highs in the 50s and 60s. South southeast wind 3 to 13 mph. Expect sunny skies Friday with highs in the 50s. East wind 6 mph.

Lower Peninsula

Today, skies will be mostly cloudy with highs in the 60s. North northeast wind 11 to 14 mph. Expect sunny skies Friday with highs in the 50s and 60s. North northeast wind 7 to 10 mph.

WMU still confident in return plan despite rising case numbers

By SAMUEL J. ROBINSON
mlive.com

KALAMAZOO — Campus officials at Western Michigan University are still confident in the school's plan to hold a mix of online and in-person classes as the number of positive coronavirus cases has steadily increased since students returned back to campus in mid-August.

The university reported another substantial increase in positive cases on Tuesday. The school's health center reported 43 new cases in addition to the 46 it reported last week, pushing the total number of WMU students with positive COVID-19 test results to 163 since Aug. 10.

"We knew this would happen," Kalamazoo County Health Director Jim Rutherford said in a recent interview with MLive. "These waves come in, particularly in instances when we are engaging with individuals who are starting to undertake those activities that have been dormant for a while."

As students returned to WMU's campus, the university began reporting a full breakdown of the health center's coronavirus test results since March to its COVID-19 Dashboard, where health officials have updated case numbers each Friday. Last week, the university announced it would start reporting results biweekly, on Tuesdays and Fridays, beginning on Sept. 8.

"We've been working with WMU now for months, we started having these conversations quite a while ago as we're in the middle of a worldwide pandemic," Rutherford said. "When we re-engage communities, similar to what we're doing with WMU, we anticipated seeing an increase in the number of positive COVID cases as a result of re engaging school this fall."

Rutherford likened the reintroduction of WMU's on-campus community to the results of Gov. Whitmer's stay-at-home order being lifted on June 1.

"We saw more cases and more COVID activity just because we've got more people out and about, and that's similar to what's going on at WMU," Rutherford said. "What we have within WMU is a phenomenal health center, coupled with our partnership with them I'm very confident they're up to the task of really addressing this. The uptick in cases is not new, we saw that all over – in our long-term care facilities, we saw it within our homeless shelters."

Last week, the university suspended all athletic activities late Thursday morning as nine athletes tested positive across four teams, including the Broncos football team.

WMU has put sanctions in place for students who do not follow coronavirus-conscious behaviors, including for not wearing a mask, or for hosting or attending gatherings that exceed the university's 10-person limit.

"At the moment the capacity of testing is at the discretion of what our environment brings to us, so if we are brought people with symptoms or exposure than we are testing," Ruggeiro said. "We want people to have the freedom to have the ability to know their status if they should choose to do so. We try to be barrier free."

The university is not requiring students to be tested for coronavirus but has strongly encouraged students living in on-campus housing to do so.

The university recently announced it will offer additional no-cost COVID tests for faculty, staff and students who are not exhibiting symptoms of coronavirus but still want to be tested, following student concerns that the university's Safe Return Plan does not account for asymptomatic spreaders of the coronavirus.

"Students asked. Leaders listened. WMU is now offering one additional no-cost test for faculty, staff and students who are not exhibiting symptoms of COVID-19 but still want to be tested," the university said in a campus-wide email on Sept. 4.

The announcement of the expanded testing came five days after a group of students protested the university's decision to hold in-person classes, criticizing the feasibility of its Safe Return Plan.

Hours into the demonstration outside the Seibert Administration building, Provost and Vice President of Academic Affairs Jennifer Bott met with Larkin Babbitt, a senior at WMU studying arts management, who organized the student-led protest on Aug. 31, to listen to students concerns.

Babbitt pointed out that, at the time, WMU students and community members were only able to receive one free test while asymptomatic. Since those without symptoms who are not aware they are infected are likely to spread the virus, she argued a need for more wholesale testing to protect students.

Babbitt told MLive Wednesday she feels the additional free test before students are required to pay $84 for additional tests without exhibiting symptoms of coronavirus, is a "placating measure" on the part of the university.

"It will be beneficial for some folks on an individual level, which is great, but doesn't mitigate the problem at hand," Babbitt said. "Asymptomatic spread is the predominant factor on college campuses, and without frequent testing there is no way to know who is asymptomatic, and no way to trace where transmission is occurring."

The university has no plans to enact a campus-wide shutdown or send students living in on-campus housing home if cases continue to rise, saying its decision not to do so takes into account the concerns of students whose classes require them to be in-person to remain on track to graduate.

"I don't think you'll ever be able to determine that level of information, in that you would have to have daily testing of your entire population, and that's going to change over time," Rutherford said, when asked if it's possible to know how many people on Western's campus are actually infected.

Should there be a need to make changes to what is open on WMU's campus, university spokesperson Paula Davis said "targeted areas" will be shut down rather than the entire university. Davis pointed to the shutdown of athletics activities on Thursday as an example.

FUTURE

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installing electric vehicle charging stations in city lots, if possible.

■ Resource Management.

■ Track local energy and water use for local government buildings and upgrade/retrofit buildings to increase energy efficiency and/or water conservation.

■ Implement community-wide residential and commercial recycling programs.

■ Implement a program to encourage low-impact design and/or implement a green infrastructure project.

Proposed actions include developing programs that enhance and educate lifestyle factors including: invasive species management; recycling, consumption reduction, reuse/repurpose; composting and community gardening; and native plantings.

Parks and Open Space

■ Adopt a plan or ordinance to protect natural features such as wetlands, tree canopy or water resources.

Action items include: develop green/sustainable and low-impact designs for parks and cemeteries that include tree canopy; benches in shade areas where possible; public water fountains that have bottle filling stations; and providing bike racks.

Community Engagement

■ Create a more sustainable, walkable and liveable community.

■ Promote inclusion.

■ Develop a Green Infrastructure approach.

■ Document affordable and/or green housing.

Action items include taking a green infrastructure approach to building and road materials; non-motorized facilities like bike paths and other non-motorized paths; and storm water management; and offering homeowner education and incentives like rain barrels and composting.

The draft sustainability goals include metrics in each category by which to measure progress and success.

Sustainability Committee members include Goos and Getty, co chairwomen; Tom MacDonald, director of public works; Greg Grothous, assistant director of public works; Mike Christiansen, facilities manager; Tim Zebell, city engineer; and citizen members Kim Jorgensen-Gane, Paul Gillespie and Rachel Leins.

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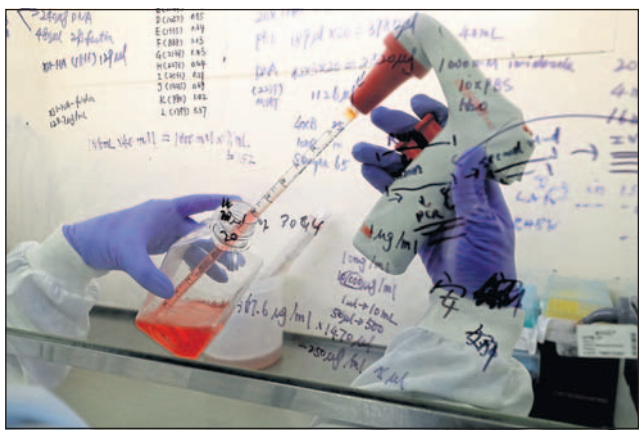

Kirsty Wigglesworth / AP

Kai Hu, a research associate transfers medium to cells, in the laboratory at Imperial College in London on July 30. Imperial College is working on the development of a COVID-19 vaccine.

three to four weeks away. But the head of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention told Congress Wednesday that it would take six to nine months after any shot's approval to distribute it nationally.

CDC Director Robert Redfield said any vaccine available in November or December would be in "very limited supply," and reserved for first responders and people most vulnerable to COVID-19. The shot wouldn't be broadly available until the spring or summer of 2021, he estimated.

Redfield and other health officials testifying before the Senate Appropriations Committee also emphasized the effectiveness of masks in stopping the pandemic's spread, given that no vaccine is 100 percent protective. The flu vaccine, for example, is generally about 40 percent to 60 percent effective against the annual viral strain.

Redfield, masked in the hearing room, said,"I might even go so far as to say that this face mask is more guaranteed to protect me against COVID than when I take a COVID vaccine."

Trump has continued to downplay the effectiveness of masks in spite of the recommendations of his own health experts, mentioning Tuesday that waiters have struggled with their face coverings and do not like them.

The entire vaccine enterprise faces continued skepticism. Only about half of Americans said they'd get vaccinated in an Associated Press-NORC poll taken in May. Since then, questions have only mounted about whether the government is trying to rush treatments and vaccines to help Trump's reelection chances.

The Health and Human Services Department announced Wednesday that political appointee Michael Caputo would take a leave of absence to "focus on his health and the well-being of his family." The news followed revelations that Caputo had tried to gain editorial control over the CDC's scientific publications on COVID-19, which he contended were hurting the Trump administration.

Redfield said that the "scientific integrity" of his agency's reports "has not been compromised and it will not be compromised under my watch." He also rejected questions about whether the CDC's timeline for states to be ready for a vaccine by Nov. 1 was politically motivated.

"The worst thing that could happen is if we have a vaccine delivered and we're still not ready to distribute," Redfield told Senate lawmakers. "There was absolutely no political thinking about it."

Sen. Patty Murray of Washington, the committee's top Democrat, said political interference from HHS had damaged public trust in the government's health information.

"The Trump administration needs to leave the science to the scientists immediately," Murray said.

Democratic presidential nominee Joe Biden said while campaigning that he trusts what scientists say about a potential vaccine – but not Trump.

Biden has said he would take a vaccine "tomorrow" if it were available but he would want to "see what the scientists said" first.

As for the planned vaccine campaign, Redfield said that his agency will be working with state health officials to implement the preparations in coming days.

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Big Ten will try to play fall football after all

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Football is back, for now at least

Well it's finally here, the start of the 2020 high school football season in Southwest Michigan begins Friday.

The big question on the minds of everyone involved, including yours truly, is how long will it last?

Al Arend
Big Al's Picks

Let's hope all area teams can avoid serious coronavirus outbreaks and the domino effect it would have on all teams attempting to play a shortened six-week regular season.

Here's my predictions for area conference or division winners:

SMAC West

Lakeshore – The Lancers return more starters than any other area school, plus veteran coach Denny Dock, back after a 6-year hiatus.

Wolverine

Edwardsburg – The Eddies remain the team to beat.

BCS Red

Niles – A school with nearly 300 more students than any other in the entire conference shouldn't have any trouble. The Vikings are set to join the Wolverine next year.

SAC Lakeshore

Constantine – Will benefit from Schoolcraft moving to the SAC Valley.

Southwest 10

Hartford – The Indians return standout running back Aaron Sinclair.

Southwest Michigan Eight-Man

Martin – The defending champs remain the team to beat.

College picture

The Big Ten Conference has changed its mind and will begin play Oct. 24. That means four of the Power Five leagues will be playing, with only the PAC-12 still holding out.

In the Associated Press preseason poll, six Big Ten teams were rated in the Top 25 including Ohio State (No. 2), Penn State (No. 7), Wisconsin (No. 12), Michigan (No. 16), Minnesota (No. 19), and Iowa (No. 24).

Which teams will make the college playoffs?

Clemson, Alabama, Ohio State and Oklahoma is my guess, with Clemson winning it all.

Sorry Notre Dame fans, Clemson is on your schedule, albeit the only team on it that the Irish should lose to. The possibility exists that ND could finish the regular season with just that one loss. Is that enough to make the playoffs? All depends on how close a game they give Clemson. Prior to joining the ACC for football, ND's schedule had three to four possible losses on it.

More on Michigan and Michigan State once the Big Ten season comes into focus.

HIGH SCHOOL

Friday Predictions

St. Joseph 20, Kalamazoo Central 13
Lakeshore 28, Portage Northern 10
Benton Harbor 27, Kalamazoo United 20
Niles 24, Berrien Springs 16
Buchanan 20, South Haven 12
Hartford 28, Cassopolis 27
Galesburg-Augusta 23, Watervliet 20
Coloma 14, Delton Kellogg 13
Bridgman 38, Marcellus 27
Michigan Lutheran 33, Eau Claire 22

COLLEGE

Saturday Predictions

Notre Dame 38, Southern Florida 10
Wake Forest 34, N.C. State 31
Central Florida 30, Georgia Tech 21
N. Carolina 35, Charlotte 10
Duke 28, Boston College 24
Miami, Fla. 42, Louisville 38
Pittsburgh 35, Syracuse 17
Appalachian St. 34, Marshall 28
SMU 27, N. Texas 14
Tulane 37, Navy 28
Oklahoma St. 35, Tulsa 14
Baylor 31, Houston 27
Cincinnati 42, Austin Peay 10

Al Arend is a sports correspondent for The Herald-Palladium. His weekly football predictions appear every Thursday throughout the season.

A new challenge

Uzelac, Berrien Springs look to replace nearly entire starting lineup

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

New Berrien Springs coach Elliot Uzelac is used to challenges on the football field.

The former St. Joseph and Benton Harbor coach took over the Shamrocks' program in January.

Uzelac compiled a 45-13 record in his time with the Bears from 2006-11, turning around a team that went 0-9 the season before his first.

He coached the Tigers for three seasons from 2015-18, going 21-11 and guiding Benton Harbor to its first-ever playoff win in 2017, kickstarting a program that hadn't had a winning season since 1989.

But after years of coaching at the high school level, Uzelac and the Shamrocks will have a couple new obstacles to work through when the high school football season kicks off Friday.

"This is the first time in my entire life that I've had to replace 20 out of 22 starters, and a punter and a kicker, so it's been wild," said Uzelac.

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Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

Berrien Springs' Marshall McFarland scampers for a touchdown during a game last season against Kalamazoo United. McFarland is one of just two returning starters for the Shamrocks.

Ron DeKett / HP Correspondent

Coloma's Noah Schwanke (11) looks for open ground as Watervliet's Austin Wilmoth (22) closes in during a game on Oct. 25, 2019. Both players return this season.

Coloma looks to push the tempo

Watervliet to rely on size; Sinclair leads way for Hartford

By BEN SPENCER
HP Sports Correspondent

Coloma's football team is featuring a different look on the field this year, as the Comets turn to a faster-paced style of play.

With recent news from the MHSAA that nearly every team will be eligible for the playoffs, coach Joe Stephens is using the opportunity to try something new.

"This is going to be a little different group than we've had the last couple years, but it should be exciting," he said. "There's a little uncertainty with how good we can be, but we're almost going to take a little bit of a basketball mentality here with everyone making the playoffs.

"We want to make sure we're peaking at the end of the year. When it gets to the end of the year, we want to be somebody that no one wants to play."

The Comets, who finished 3-6 last season, have just 22 varsity players. Stephens said that, despite small numbers on the surface, there is still good depth.

"(Last season) the injury bug hit us worse than I've ever seen it as a head coach," Stephens said. "We do have good depth at a lot of positions, so that could help us maybe withstand some injury stuff. It also creates a little competition in practice."

Drew Goodline returns for his senior season at the quarterback position. Goodline suffered a season-ending leg injury early last season, but is back to full health as the season kicks off Friday at Delton Kellogg.

"He's put more time into football this summer than he's ever put in before," Stephens said of Goodline. "He's throwing it good, and he's a great leader for our guys."

Stephens said he also expects both Cody Palgen and Noah Schwanke, a pair of senior skill position players, to make a difference with their speed on both sides of the ball.

The Comets' line could at times feature five seniors up front, something Stephens said is sure to lead to good things.

Kevin Hearn, who also suffered a season-ending leg injury early last season, is back at the center spot, with Travis Borr playing at left guard.

Stephens also likes the potential of another linemen, Jonen Bravo, who will play left tackle.

"(He's) a guy that's improved more than any football player I think I've ever had," said Stephens.

Dylan Nelson will anchor the defense at inside linebacker, and Stephens said he likes his ability to hit and stop the run.

"He's an old school guy. He throws his body around out there and loves to hit," Stephens said.

Watervliet coach Josh Tremblay is hoping an improved defense, as well as a strong offensive and defensive line, will help the Panthers get back to their winning ways.

After an 11-1 season in 2017-18, the Panthers look to bounce back after two straight 2-7 campaigns.

"We are looking to solidify our defense this year and to take advantage of some of our size up front," said Tremblay. "Last year we had some injury issues and are looking to bounce back from a tough year."

Watervliet returns 11 players from last season's team, including seven seniors.

Senior Isaiah Yazel (5-foot-8, 175 pounds), junior Conner Underwood (5-11, 225) and sophomore Royce Daugherty (6-2, 275) were each two-way starters last season on the offensive and defensive lines.

Yazel, Underwood and Daugherty will be looking to clear a path for senior running back Don Smith. Tremblay will lean on Smith, who suffered a season-ending leg injury last fall, for a majority of the carries at running back.

Joining Smith in the backfield are senior Aaron Nave and junior Austin Wilmoth, along with newcomer Brendon Petty.

"They have worked hard this off-season to increase their strength and speed," Tremblay said of his linemen. "Our (running backs) are tough kids and hard runners, and we have a little speed on the edge with a few guys in our WR group."

Jordan Abney, an all-conference selection last fall, returns for his final season at the wide receiver position, as does Evan Hutchins, an all-conference honorable mention selection. Abney and Hutchins also start on the defensive side of the ball as defensive backs.

Senior Logan Duscha is also a two-way starter at tight end and linebacker.

Tremblay noted the potential of a few new players up from last season's JV squad. Wide receivers Jarvis Grzanich and Ethan Fish should make an impact, as well as sophomores Perry Rowe (tight end/defensive line) and Cayden Jonjevic (offensive/defensive line).

The Panthers kick off the season against Galesburg-Augusta at 7 p.m. on Friday.

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There's no masking their enthusiasm

Local football teams happy to comply with COVID-19 restrictions in order to have a season

By BEN SANDERS
HP Sports Editor

Local high school football teams after just happy to have an opportunity to play after an offseason of uncertainty about the COVID-19 pandemic.

The MHSAA originally postponed the football season until spring on Aug. 14, then reinstated it on Sept. 3. Games are set to begin on Friday, with a six-week regular season and expanded playoff format.

Significant restrictions are in place, but that hasn't dampened the enthusiasm.

"I don't care if we have to wear a mask," Eau Claire coach Craig Fisher said. "It's better than not competing at all. The kids have not complained one bit about it. They're just excited to be out there on the field with their friends."

Gov. Gretchen Whitmer's Executive Order 180 requires that facial coverings be worn during practice and competition in football, soccer and volleyball. The MHSAA provided guidance on Sept. 10, stating that "Executive Order 180 does not define 'facial coverings' for purposes of organized sports. Traditional cloth masks, gaiters, affixed helmet plastic shields (100 percent clear – no tint) and cloth/fabric helmet attachments located inside the face mask (all of which must cover the nose and mouth) are not prohibited."

That allows some options for players.

"Our kids have a mask under their helmet all the time," Coloma coach Joe Stephens said. "That's something we're required to do. We do have a couple kids that have gotten the plastic splash shield that they like a little better. Our kids just want to play. They're rolling with it."

Though teams have accepted wearing masks as the reality, they still come with challenges.

"It's hard to condition," Michigan Lutheran coach Josh Nitz said. "You can't make them run too long because of that mask. Some kids will be fine with it, others will not be able to breathe as well. It will be a little difficult."

Masks are not the only precaution being taken. Social distancing and increased sanitation are now a regular part of practices.

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Big Ten will try to play fall football after all

By RALPH D. RUSSO
AP College Football Writer

Players were pumped. Coaches were stoked. Fans seemed relieved. Even the president was pleased.

The Big Ten is going to give fall football a shot after all.

Less than five weeks after pushing fall sports to spring in the name of player safety during the pandemic, the conference ran a reverse Wednesday and said it plans to open its football season the weekend of Oct. 23-24.

"Let's goooooo!!!" Ohio State quarterback Justin Fields tweeted.

Amid the celebration, a word of caution: This is still not going to be easy.

"We can't emphasize enough that what we're putting forward still requires prevention, requires accountability from everyone involved from our student-athletes to coaches to staff to be doing the things to prevent getting this infection," said Dr. Jim Borchers, the team physician for Ohio State. "And our progress will be measured by their efforts but also we hope by the efforts to provide a clean competition and practice environment."

All 14 teams will be scheduled to play eight regular-season games in eight weeks, plus have the opportunity to play a ninth game on Dec. 19 when the conference championship game is played. The College Football Playoff selections are scheduled for Dec. 20, which means the Big Ten's best should be back in the hunt for a national championship – if all goes well.

If it does not, the schedule does not provide much room to adapt. Other conferences built in bye weeks, which allows time to deal with potential disruptions. The Big Ten itself did that back in early August, but now must go forward with a condensed schedule and signs that things could go awry.

The Big Ten is banking on daily testing to mitigate the risk of outbreaks and decrease the probability that a few positive tests will gut rosters when contact tracing sends players into 14-day quarantines. The Big Ten will begin daily antigen testing of all fall sports athletes, coaches and staff Sept. 30.

The Big Ten is taking an especially cautious approach with those who do test positive: The earliest an athlete will be able to return to game competition is 21 days after a positive diagnosis, and following a cardiac evaluation and clearance from a cardiologist.

The Big Ten said its Council of Presidents and Chancellors voted unanimously to restart sports. The vote last month was 11-3 to postpone, with Ohio State, Iowa and Nebraska voting against.

Still, the Big House in Ann Arbor, Michigan, and Beaver Stadium in State College, Pennsylvania, won't be packed with 100,000 fans as is usually the case in the fall. Not even close. Tickets will not be sold to the general public for Big Ten games, though some attendance is expected.

The decision to play came after sharp pressure from coaches, players, parents and even President Donald Trump, all of them pushing for a Big Ten football season. The conference is home to a number of battleground states in the November election, and Trump swifly applauded the move.

First-year Commissioner Kevin Warren was the main target, criticized for a lack of communication and not providing enough information to back the initial decision.

"We have passionate athletes. We have passionate families and we have passionate fans," Warren said of the blowback. "And so I take that from a positive standpoint."

The new schedule comes with a twist. On championship Saturday, the plan is to provide each team an additional game, matching teams by their places in the division standings: No. 2 vs. No. 2, No. 3 vs. No. 3 and so on.

For now, the third Big Ten schedule of the year should be ready in about a week. Surely, it will rekindle excitement, but how much of it gets played is still uncertain.

Michigan Gov. Gretchen Whitmer, a Democrat, said she supports the Big Ten's decision but noted COVID-19 "is still a very real threat."

"We're all trying to do what we can to engage in some normalcy and keep people safe," she said. "There's not a perfect way to do this."

BCS

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"Most of them are all young kids. We have very few seniors. We've got our hands full, so we're going to take it one day at a time."

And that's without considering the complications COVID-19 brought to restarting the season safely.

"With the COVID situation, I honestly believe if you have an experienced team, you're in decent shape," he said.

"If you have an inexperienced team, it's going to be a struggle, since we've had no seven-on-seven, no scrimmaging."

Uzelac inherits a Shamrocks team that has owned the Berrien-Cass-St. Joseph Red Division the past few seasons, winning five consecutive division titles and going 15-0 in the conference within that span under former coach Bill Bergan.

Bergan parted ways with the team following last season, which opened the door for Uzelac to take the helm.

"I think that Berrien Springs has a great upside to it," said Uzelac. "We're very fortunate. We want to be great in athletics, but we want as many as we can to advance and continue their education. That's what we're trying to get done."

Marshall McFarland, a senior, is the only returner for the Shamrocks on the defensive side of the ball. McFarland will play cornerback, and also starts as quarterback on offense after playing wide receiver last season under Bergan.

Zeb Bodtke, also a senior, is the only returning starter offensively at the center position.

Junyoung Chung, a junior, and CJ Gordon, a sophomore, will start at the outside linebacker positions. Chung will also get reps at halfback, as will Jamal Hailey, Ben Eising and Carleonn Porter.

Gordon doubles as a tight end on offense, opposite of Zarin Lee Stone.

Junior James York will start at the other corner, opposite of McFarland, and will also see reps at wide receiver.

Jayden Walker and Daniel Cordova start on the inner defensive line. Carsen Pyle, Nicholas Gunn and Trevion Porter will all see time on the ends.

Walker and Cordova play as guards on the offensive line. Allen Schole will also vie for time at the guard spot, with Dominic Bright and Keegan Stone playing at the tackle positions. Pyle also will rotate time on the offensive line.

Tyler Ewalt, a junior, will do the punting for the Shamrocks and will also serve as backup quarterback. Josiah Pittman, a sophomore, will do the kicking.

The Shamrocks open the season on Friday against Niles at 7 p.m. at New Buffalo, as Berrien Springs continues construction on its new athletic facilities.

South Haven prepares for its inaugural season in the BCS after parting ways with the Wolverine Conference at the end of last year.

The Rams will compete in the Red Division, along with the Shamrocks, Buchanan, Niles, Brandywine and Comstock.

South Haven has struggled over the last few seasons in the Wolverine. The Rams are winless in their past three campaigns, but are hoping a move to the BCS will help energize the program.

"We at South Haven are excited about a new opportunity to compete in the BCS," said coach Mark Eddy. "Not just the players, but at the community level there is excitement, too."

Eddy named the offensive and defensive lines as keys to the Rams' success.

Leading the way on both lines will be Xander Willet, a senior defensive end and tight end. Eddy also named Trevor Winkel as a key lineman.

Jaden Hollis will play as both a cornerback and wide receiver, and Eddy hopes his speed out wide can make a difference on both sides.

Kaleb Bodfish will start his senior season at the quarterback position.

Eddy also listed Jackson Calvert, a linebacker, and Ray Woodall, another lineman, as key players.

Senior Kaleb Bodfish will be the Rams' quarterback.

South Haven's season opens Friday at Buchanan.

MASKS

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"We're disinfecting balls, pads," Hartford coach Tom Matthews said.

"We have a system in place even when we're hitting the sled: we have five spray bottles and five towels and the next man up disinfects. You have to adjust time within your practice schedule to take care of all that. Even water breaks are challenging; it's not like you can send 25 guys over to the water horse anymore, so you just have to adapt your practice plan and make sure you're doing that. We're just very thankful we get to play football. We want to follow the rules to a T."

Berrien Springs coach Elliot Uzelac said his team has taken similar precautions, maintaining distance, spraying equipment and limiting the number of players that use the weight room at one time.

"I think our guys have done a great job," Uzelac said.

"They've avoided large crowds as much as they could, they've worn their mask when they're supposed to. I feel really good about their attitude towards this and keeping us safe."

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HARTFORD

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Hartford is under the direction of new coach Tom Matthews, who spent the last two seasons coaching Benton Harbor.

The Indians have made the playoffs the last three seasons. Matthews hopes to continue the winning tradition this fall despite the challenges that the coronavirus has brought to the start of the season.

"Just like everybody else, a lack of preparation is scary in not getting to hit as much as you wanted with a new team, a new system," Matthews said. "We're optimistic with the way rules are set up with everyone getting into the playoffs, so we just have to get better every week and see where it takes us."

Matthews will turn to senior Aaron Sinclair to lead the way offensively for the Indians.

Sinclair was a big offensive producer a season ago at running back, and Matthews said he expects that to continue this year. Sinclair also starts as a defensive back.

"We have to get the ball to him," Matthews said. "He had a great camp, even though it was interrupted."

Sinclair will look to run through holes produced by a sizable offensive line led by 6-foot-5, 260-pound two-way linemen Tanner Kinchen, who returns for his junior season.

Junior Donovan Sikes will start in his first season at the quarterback position, with Jonah Hinslee also getting some touches in the backfield.

Matthews said depth may be an issue for the Indians, with multiple players needing to fill multiple spots on the field.

"Our biggest concern right now is that we have 25 kids playing football, (ninth grade) through 12," Matthews said. "Our depth is going to be extremely challenging. We need kids to stay healthy, but we do have some pieces from last year's team.

"We've got multiple guys who are going to have to play multiple positions for us. There are a lot of pieces here that are learning the new system."

Alex Cook will play both center and linebacker, with Oscar Trevino seeing time as a linebacker, running back and tight end. Ricky Baker will also play tight end and linebacker.

Four of the Indians' six wins from a season ago are missing from this season's schedule as those teams transition to eight-man ball.

"We have a tough portion of our league schedule to play, so we're going to need some kids to step up," Matthews said. "We'd rather do a few things well than have a lot of things done poorly. As we move through the year, hopefully we can add to that, offensively and defensively."

SCOREBOARD

VOLLEYBALL

MATTAWAN D. ST. JOSEPH
25-15, 21-25, 25-9, 25-14

St. Joseph — Kate Gersonde 3 assists, 1 ace, 6 digs; Emily Watson 1 kill, 5 assists, 2 digs; Bea Craig 1 kill, 1 block; Kiki Sohn 2 kills, 2 digs; Courtney Koch 4 kills, 3 digs; Adriana Pierangeli 2 kills; Taylor Valdes 4 kills, 1 ace, 4 digs; Lindsey Piontek 6 kills, 3 digs; Karly Klaer 8 kills, 2 aces, 9 digs.

MICHIGAN LUTHERAN D. COUNTRYSIDE 25-14, 25-17, 25-7

Lutheran — Hailey Conrad 7 kills, 11 digs, 11 assists, 2 aces; Sophee Garcia 7 digs, 13 assists, 2 aces; Brooke Gerlach 5 kills, 4 digs, 1 ace; Abigail Marquis 5 kills, 3 digs, 4 aces; Jenna Koehler 2 kills, 17 digs, 3 aces; Kaylee Schebel 2 kills; Kennedy Stillson 10 digs; Jules Koehler 9 digs; Reese Maas 3 digs.

LAWRENCE D. EAU CLAIRE
25-9, 25-18, 25-10

Eau Claire — Julia Kurland 3 aces, 1 assist, 9 digs; Ali Ferry 10 digs; Kayla Ferry 3 assists, 4 digs; Lizzy Little 1 kill, 5 digs; Emilee Demski 2 aces, 1 assist, 4 kills, 2 digs, 2 blocks.

BRANDYWINE D. BUCHANAN
18-25, 25-18, 25-21, 25-16

Buchanan — Josie West 9 kills; Faith Carson 9 kills, 1 block; Hailey Jonatzke 6 digs; Katie Schau 5 digs; Claire Shelton 28 assists; Lauren Strefling 3 aces; Kylie Boller 3 blocks. Record – Buchanan 2-1.

BOYS SOCCER

BRIDGMAN 3, MICHIGAN LUTHERAN 2

Goals — Lutheran: Christian Kisukulu 2. Bridgman: Tanner Peters 2, Zack Busboom. Assists – Lutheran: Joel Roth, Alex Ritter. Shots – Lutheran 26, Bridgman 8.

BOYS TENNIS

ST. JOSEPH 7, GULL LAKE 1

Singles — 1. Justice Waldman (SJ) d. Jon McFee 6-1, 6-4; 2. Grant Banasik (SJ) d. Jacob Avery 6-3, 6-1; 3. Athan Gregory (SJ) d. Jonas Likens 6-1, 6-2; 4. Tyler Romano (SJ) d. Colton Ludmer 6-1, 6-0.
Doubles – 1. Zachary Collard-Kiley Chrisman (GL) d. Owen Faulkner-Ani Anirudh 6-1, 6-2; 2. Levi Beam-Harsh Gupta (SJ) d. Thaler Garside-William Lin 6-1, 6-1; 3. Nick Clancy-Kevin Wang (SJ) d. Preston Pero-Andrew Turmo 6-2, 6-4; 4. Ilo Coar-Eli Coar (SJ) d. Kaeden Lee-Blake Chadwick 6-0, 6-0.

CROSS COUNTRY

Boys

PORTAGE CENTRAL 20, LAKESHORE 43

Lakeshore — 1. Race Bettich 16:29.2, 9. Charlie Ogata 18:51.3, 10. Grant Rose 18:54.4, 11. Lucas Balkema 19:02.3, 12. Caleb Christian 19:48.7.

Girls

PORTAGE CENTRAL 19, LAKESHORE 44

Race winner — Ellie Voetberg (PC) 19:47.0
Lakeshore – 2. Emily Peters 20:40.6, 9. Sophia Ceru 23:28.1, 10. Abigail Winsman 23:30.4, 11. Rachel Vroegop 23:36.0, 12. Lanie Brant 23:47.7.

MLB

American League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Tampa Bay	31	18	.633	—
New York	27	21	.563	3½
Toronto	26	21	.553	4
Baltimore	21	27	.438	9½
Boston	18	31	.367	13

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	32	16	.667	—
Minnesota	30	20	.600	3
Cleveland	26	22	.542	6
Detroit	21	26	.447	10½
Kansas City	20	29	.408	12½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Oakland	31	19	.620	—
Houston	24	24	.500	6
Seattle	22	26	.458	8
Los Angeles	20	29	.408	10½
Texas	17	31	.354	13

Tuesday's Games
Boston 2, Miami 0
Tampa Bay 6, Washington 1
N.Y. Yankees 20, Toronto 6
Atlanta 5, Baltimore 1
Detroit 6, Kansas City 0
Houston 4, Texas 1
Chicago White Sox 6, Minnesota 2
Colorado 3, Oakland 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Cleveland 5
Arizona 9, L.A. Angels 8
San Francisco at Seattle, ppd.
Wednesday's Games
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
Oakland 3, Colorado 1
Miami 8, Boston 4
N.Y. Yankees 13, Toronto 2
Kansas City 4, Detroit 0
Baltimore 5, Atlanta 1
Minnesota at Chicago White Sox
Texas at Houston
Cleveland at Chicago Cubs
Arizona at L.A. Angels
San Francisco at Seattle, 1st game
San Francisco at Seattle, ppd., 2nd game
Thursday's Games
Boston (Eovaldi 2-2) at Miami (Ureña 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Minnesota (Maeda 5-1) at Chicago White Sox (TBD), 2:10 p.m.
Arizona (Young 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Canning 0-3), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Anderson 2-3) at Seattle (Margevicius 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Snell 4-1) at Baltimore (Kremer 1-0), 4:35 p.m., 1st game
Toronto (Anderson 0-1) at N.Y. Yankees (Tanaka 2-2), 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland (Bieber 7-1) at Detroit (Mize 0-1), 7:10 p.m.
Texas (Lyles 1-4) at Houston (Valdez 3-3), 7:10 p.m.
Baltimore (TBD) at Tampa Bay (TBD), 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Cleveland at Detroit, 7:10 p.m.
N.Y. Yankees at Boston, 7:30 p.m.
Tampa Bay at Baltimore, 7:35 p.m.
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
Arizona at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 8:15 p.m.
Texas at L.A. Angels, 9:10 p.m.
San Diego at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.

National League

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Atlanta	29	20	.592	—
Miami	24	22	.522	3½
Philadelphia	24	23	.511	4
New York	21	27	.438	7½
Washington	18	29	.383	10

Central Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
Chicago	29	20	.592	—
St. Louis	22	22	.500	4½
Cincinnati	25	26	.490	5
Milwaukee	22	26	.458	6½
Pittsburgh	14	34	.292	14½

West Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
z-Los Angeles	35	15	.700	—
San Diego	32	19	.627	3½
San Francisco	23	24	.489	10½
Colorado	22	26	.458	12
Arizona	18	31	.367	16½

z-clinched playoff berth
Tuesday's Games
Cincinnati 4, Pittsburgh 1
Boston 2, Miami 0
Tampa Bay 6, Washington 1
Philadelphia 4, N.Y. Mets 1
Atlanta 5, Baltimore 1
Milwaukee 18, St. Louis 3
Colorado 3, Oakland 1
Chicago Cubs 6, Cleveland 5
L.A. Dodgers 3, San Diego 1
Arizona 9, L.A. Angels 8
San Francisco at Seattle, ppd.
Wednesday's Games
Washington 4, Tampa Bay 2, 10 innings
Oakland 3, Colorado 1
St. Louis 4, Milwaukee 2, 7 innings, 1st game
L.A. Dodgers 7, San Diego 5
Cincinnati 1, Pittsburgh 0
Miami 8, Boston 4
N.Y. Mets 5, Philadelphia 4
Baltimore 5, Atlanta 1
Milwaukee 6, St. Louis 0, 7 innigns, 2nd game
Cleveland at Chicago Cubs
Arizona at L.A. Angels
San Francisco at Seattle, 1st game
San Francisco at Seattle, ppd., 2nd game
Thursday's Games
Boston (Eovaldi 2-2) at Miami (Ureña 0-1), 1:10 p.m.
Arizona (Young 2-3) at L.A. Angels (Canning 0-3), 4:10 p.m.
San Francisco (Anderson 2-3) at Seattle (Margevicius 1-3), 4:10 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Lugo 2-3) at Philadelphia (Nola 5-3), 7:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Hudson 3-2) at Pittsburgh (Brault 0-3), 7:05 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers (Urías 3-0) at Colorado (Freeland 2-1), 8:40 p.m.
Friday's Games
Philadelphia at Toronto, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
St. Louis at Pittsburgh, 4:05 p.m., 1st game
Washington at Miami, 5:10 p.m., 1st game
Atlanta at N.Y. Mets, 7:10 p.m.
Chicago White Sox at Cincinnati, 7:10 p.m.
Pittsburgh at St. Louis, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
Toronto at Philadelphia, 7:35 p.m., 2nd game
Arizona at Houston, 8:10 p.m.
Kansas City at Milwaukee, 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Dodgers at Colorado, 8:10 p.m.
Minnesota at Chicago Cubs, 8:15 p.m.
Washington at Miami, 8:40 p.m., 2nd game
San Diego at Seattle, 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco at Oakland, 9:40 p.m.

NHL

Conference Finals
(Best-of-7; x-if necessary)
Tuesday, September 15
N.Y. Islanders 2, Tampa Bay 1, 2OT, Tampa Bay leads series 3 – 2
Thursday, September 17
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Islanders, 8 p.m.
Saturday, September 19
x-N.Y. Islanders at Tampa Bay, 7:30 p.m.

NBA

Conference Semifinals (Best-of-7)
Tuesday, Sept. 15
Denver 104, L.A. Clippers 89, Denver wins series 4-3
Conference Finals (Best-of-7)
Tuesday, Sept. 15
Miami 117, Boston 114, OT, Miami leads series 1-0
Thursday, Sept. 17
Miami vs. Boston, 7 p.m.
Friday, Sept. 18
Denver vs. L.A. Lakers, 9 p.m.
Saturday, Sept. 19
Boston vs. Miami, 8:30 p.m.

WNBA

First Round (Single elimination)
Tuesday, Sept. 15
(7)Connecticut 94, (6)Chicago 81
(5)Phoenix 85, (8)Washington 84
Second Round (Single elimination)
Thursday, Sept. 17
(5)Phoenix vs. (4)Minnesota, 7 p.m.
(7)Connecticut vs. (3)Los Angeles, 9 p.m.

COLLEGE FOOTBALL

College Football Schedule
(Subject to change)
Friday, Sept. 18
Campbell (0-1) at Coastal Carolina (1-0), 7:30 p.m.
Houston at Memphis (1-0), TBA
Saturday, Sept. 19
Syracuse (0-1) at Pittsburgh (1-0), Noon
Boston College at Duke (0-1), Noon
La.-Lafayette (1-0) at Georgia St., Noon
Liberty at W. Kentucky (0-1), Noon
Navy (0-1) at Tulane (1-0), Noon
Austin Peay (0-2) at Cincinnati, Noon
Tulsa at Oklahoma St., Noon
Houston at Baylor, Noon
USF (1-0) at Notre Dame (1-0), 2:30 p.m.
Stephen F. Austin (0-1) at UTSA (1-0), 3 p.m.
App. St. (1-0) at Marshall (1-0), 3:30 p.m.
UCF at Georgia Tech (1-0), 3:30 p.m.
FAU at Georgia Southern (1-0), 3:30 p.m.
Charlotte (0-1) at N. Carolina (1-0), 3:30 p.m.
The Citadel (0-1) at Clemson (1-0), 4 p.m.
Troy at Middle Tennessee (0-1), 4 p.m.
SMU (1-0) at North Texas (1-0), 6 p.m.
Cent. Arkansas (1-1) at A-State. (1-1), 7 p.m.
La. Tech at Southern Miss. (0-1), 7:30 p.m.
Miami (1-0) at Louisville (1-0), 7:30 p.m.
TX State (0-2) at La.-Monroe (0-1), 7:30 p.m.
Wake Forest (0-1) at NC State, 8 p.m.
Abilene Christian at UTEP (1-1), 9 p.m.
BYU (1-0) at Army (2-0), TBA
Virginia at Virginia Tech, TBA

NFL

Thursday, Sept. 17
Cincinnati at Cleveland, 8:20 p.m.
Sunday, Sept. 20
Jacksonville at Tennessee, 1 p.m.
N.Y. Giants at Chicago, 1 p.m.
Detroit at Green Bay, 1 p.m.
Carolina at Tampa Bay, 1 p.m.
Buffalo at Miami, 1 p.m.
San Francisco at N.Y. Jets, 1 p.m.
L.A. Rams at Phila., 1 p.m.
Atlanta at Dallas, 1 p.m.
Denver at Pittsburgh, 1 p.m.
Minnesota at Indianapolis, 1 p.m.
Washington at Arizona, 4:05 p.m.
Baltimore at Houston, 4:25 p.m.
Kansas City at L.A. Chargers, 4:25 p.m.
New England at Seattle, 8:20 p.m.
Monday, Sept. 21
New Orleans at Las Vegas, 8:15 p.m.

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PRIME TIME TV

THURSDAY EVENING SEP. 17

	7:30	8 PM	8:30	9 PM	9:30	10 PM	10:30
ABC (7)(13)(41)(57)	Wheel of Fortune	Celebrity Family Feud CC (DVS)		Holey Moley (N) CC (DVS)		Match Game "Code Blue" CC (DVS)	
CBS (2)(3)(22)	Ent. Tonight	Big Brother A housegu- uest is evicted. (N)		:01 Love Island The islanders must couple up. (N) CC			
NBC (5)(8)(16)	Ac. Holly- wood	The Wall Karen and Lori face the wall.		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Law & Order: Special Victims Unit	
FOX (17)(22)(28)(32)	Modern Family	Gordon Ramsay's 24 Hours to Hell		The Masked Singer CC (DVS)		Fox 17 News at 10:00PM (N) CC	
PBS (34)	Radar-Mich- igan	Poldark on Master- piece CC		Father Brown Lady Felicia returns. CC		Antiques Roadshow "Fort Worth" CC	
CW (25)	Big Bang Theory	Mysteries Decoded "Area 51" (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		News	Seinfeld CC
MNT (50)	Family Feud	Chicago P.D. "Kasual With a K" CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent CC		Law & Order: Criminal Intent "Rispetto"	
WCIU (26)	Mike & Molly	Mysteries Decoded "Area 51" (N) CC		Penn & Teller: Fool Us CC		King of Queens	King of Queens
WHME (46)	:00 Heart- land	Heartland Jack revisits a rough patch.		Highway to Heaven "Code Name: Freak"		Nightly News	
WGN (9)	News	black-ish "Lemons"	black-ish CC	Last Man Standing	Last Man Standing	WGN News at Nine (N) (L) CC	
A&E	:00 The First 48	The First 48 "Danger- ous Company"		The First 48 "Child's Play; Bad Intentions"		:02 The First 48 "Snatched" CC	
AMC	Night at Mus.	★★ I, Robot ('04) Will Smith. A homicide detective tracks a dangerous robot in 2035. CC					Jack Ryan
Animal	Catch	Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch		Deadliest Catch	
BET	Soul	★ Blue Streak ('99) Martin Lawrence. CC					Martin
Big Ten	:00 Women's College Soccer			Women's College Soccer CC			
Bravo	House- wives	Housewives/NYC		Housewives/NYC		Watch What	Hitch ('05)
Cartoon	Gumball	Burgers	Burgers	American	American	Rick	Rick
Cinemax	6:30 Duplex	★ LOL ('12) Miley Cyrus, Demi Moore. CC			:40 ★★ The Dead Don't Die ('19) Bill Murray. CC		
CMT	Last Man	★★★ Coal Miner's Daughter ('80) Sissy Spacek. CC					
CNBC	Shark	Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC		Shark Tank CC	
CNN	OutFront	Anderson Cooper		Cuomo Prime Time		CNN Tonight	
Comedy	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office	Office
Discovery	Home- stead	Homestead Rescue (N) CC		Homestead Rescue CC		Homestead Rescue CC	
Disney	Raven	Jessie	Jessie	Jessie	Bunk'd	Bunk'd	Bunk'd
DIY	Pool	Insane Pools		Insane Pools		Insane Pools	
E!	Kardas	The Kardashians		Bradshaw		Celebrity Game Face	
ESPN	NBA Countdown (N)	NBA Basketball					
ESPN2	WNBA Basketball			WNBA Basketball			
ESPNC	Football	College Football From Sept. 27, 1986.				MLB Baseball	
Food	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay	Beat Flay
Fox News	The Story	Tucker Carlson		Hannity (N) CC		The Ingraham Angle	
Fox Sports	:00 MLB Baseball Cleveland Indians at Detroit Tigers.					Tigers Lv.	Tigers Lv.
Freefrm	6:00 Pitch Perfect ('12)			★★★ Pretty Woman ('90, Romance-Comedy) Richard Gere, Julia Roberts, Ralph Bellamy. CC			
FX	Fate of Furious	★★★ Deadpool 2 ('18) Ryan Reynolds. Deadpool joins forces with a team of mutants to fight Cable.					Deadpool 2 ('18)
Golf	:00 Live From the U.S. Open (N)			2020 U.S. Open Golf			
Hallmark	Once Upon	A Summer Romance ('19, Romance) Erin Krakow, Ryan Paevey. CC				Golden Girls	Golden Girls
HBO	:00 The Vow	★ Replicas ('18, Science Fiction) Keanu Reeves, Thomas Middleditch. CC				9:50 The Third Day "Friday - The Father"	
History	Pickers	American Pickers		:02 American Pickers		:05 American Pickers	
HGTV	Flip	Flipping	Flipping	Flipping	Flipping	Hunters	Hunt Intl
Learning	Dr. Pim	Dr. Pim	My Feet	Dr. Pimple Popper		Dr. Pim	My Feet
Lifetime	Mar- ried-Sight	Married at First Sight (N) CC		Married at First Sight "Australia: Season 7, Episode 33" Decision time for the couples.			
MSNBC	ReidOut	All In With		Rachel Maddow		The Last Word	
MTV	Jersey	Double Shot at Love		2020	Ridic.	Ridic.	Ridic.
NBCSCH	Golf 360	MLB Baseball Minnesota Twins at Chicago White Sox. CC					
NFL	NFL GameDay			NFL Football Cincinnati Bengals at Cleveland Browns.			
Nick	Sponge.	★★ Cloudy With a Chance of Meatballs 2 ('13)					Friends
NGEO	Life Be	Life Below Zero (N)		Life Below Zero		Assignment	
Oxygen	:00 Snapped	Buried in the Back- yard (N) CC		Buried in the Back- yard "Deadly Ally"		Snapped "Helen Frazier" CC	
Parmt	Movie	Movie CC					
Showtime	5:45 Waves	Shameless "A Great Cause" CC		Love Fraud "I'm Glad You Called"		We Hunt Together CC	
Starz	Playmobil: Mov	:06 ★★ Fools Rush In ('97, Comedy-Drama) Matthew Perry, Salma Hayek. CC				Vida "Epi- sode 3"	Brightburn ('19)
STZENC	:00 ★★ Sparkle ('12, Drama) Jordin Sparks. CC			★★ For Colored Girls ('10, Drama) Kimberly Elise, Janet Jackson. CC			
SyFy	Da Vinci Code	★★ Angels & Demons ('09, Suspense) Tom Hanks, Ewan McGregor. Robert Langdon confronts an ancient brotherhood. CC					
TBS	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Big Bang Theory	Lost Resort "Boiling Points" (N) CC	
TCM	6:15 Laura	★★★ People Will Talk ('51, Comedy-Drama) Cary Grant, Jeanne Crain. CC				★★★ Magnificent Obsession ('54)	
TMC	Cloverfield ('08)	★ Peppermint ('18, Action) Jennifer Garner. CC			:45 ★ Punisher: War Zone ('08) Ray Stevenson. CC		
TNT	Ant-Man	All Elite Wrestling: Dynamite (N) CC				Lethal Weapon 2	
Travel	Ghost	Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures		Ghost Adventures	
TV Land	Andy G.	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond	Raymond
USA	Law & Or- der: SVU	Law & Order: Special Victims Unit		Chicago P.D. An alderman is killed.		Chicago P.D. "Ghosts"	
VH1	6:30 About Last Night ('14)			★★ Madea's Family Reunion ('06)			
WGN-A	Last Man Standing	NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC		NewsNation (N) (L) CC	

Deleted texts to new friend arouse wife's suspicions

Jeanne Phillips
Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My husband is currently at a job that, at first, he complained was a "drag." It later became a place he seemed to be OK working at.

A new male employee was hired – a man who is on his second marriage – and he became friendly with my husband. Over the last few months I have noticed my husband texting him quite often during his days off, including very late at night.

One day I confronted him after I checked his phone to see what they were texting and saw he had deleted some messages, even those he had shared with me as they were texting. He admitted that he had asked him about his first marriage and divorce since we were having some issues and said that's why he deleted the messages.

When my husband starts drinking at home, he starts texting him, occasionally throughout the night until he goes to bed (it could be until 5 a.m.). He deletes all those messages so I can't see them. What do you think is going on? Even on days he is off, he goes by his job to take care of something or help out. – Suspicious In Texas

DEAR SUSPICIOUS: What I think is going on is less important by far than what YOU think is going on. It appears your husband has found a kindred spirit in this new employee – or something more. Dumping on his co-worker about problems in your marriage won't lead to satisfactory conclusions.

The two of you need to resolve your issues – including the fact that you no longer trust him – by talking them through with a licensed marriage and family counselor. Please don't wait until the situation deteriorates further to consult one.

DEAR ABBY: I was involved in a nearly fatal car accident some years ago. My problem is people are always telling me I should be over it by now, and there shouldn't be any more complaints or pain at this late date.

Well, that one day changed my life drastically. I'm still healing emotionally, not to mention there are lifelong injuries I will never be able to overcome. My back is in constant pain, and I can no longer lift anything. I also get daily horrific migraines. Because of that, I lost the best job I ever had, which has affected me more than anything.

People can be insensitive, patronizing and just plain rude if I mention any current issues regarding my condition. Most times I respond aggressively; at others, I try my best not to be offended by their lack of empathy. While I certainly don't want or need pity, the fact that my near-death experience is shrugged off as just an "incident" bothers me greatly. What more can I do? Or should I just stay silent and count my blessings? – Survivor In Missouri

DEAR SURVIVOR: There is nothing more you can do, other than politely refuse if you are asked to do something that's now beyond your capacity. As you have discovered, responding aggressively is counterproductive.

Because these individuals have conveyed that they no longer want to hear about your accident, you may have to confide in a willing friend or a licensed therapist when you need to get things off your chest. The latter might be more satisfying than trying to talk to people who can no longer tolerate hearing about something they have no solution for.

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I don't trust my 'cool aunt' to babysit

Carolyn Hax

Adapted from an online discussion.

DEAR CAROLYN: My aunt "Fanny" is in her mid-50s but still thinks of herself as 21. She was my cool aunt growing up, and now I feel like I outpaced her in maturity.

She turned down marriage proposals years ago to travel, holds a part-time job and thinks a pet is too much commitment. Fine, but she regularly complains about her loneliness.

Since my last grandparent passed away, Fanny has directed her attention and time onto my now 15-month-old daughter. Fanny adores my kid and it is mutual.

But I don't trust Fanny to babysit for a whole evening. Several times, she's told me after the fact, laughing, that she did something with my baby that I asked her not to do, like feed her a french fry when she was only eating purees, or take a picture of her in the bathtub when I've been crystal clear on no naked-child pictures. With each of these, I've been teased at how rigid I am.

Fanny has watched my daughter for an hour-ish, and I am OK with that. I don't think my child's life is in danger, but I don't think Fanny would respect what I want her to do.

She knows other family members have babysat for entire evenings, and is increasingly calling me out, in front of other family members, and asking to pick a date for her to babysit. I don't know how blunt to be.

For what it's worth, I think Fanny will be an excellent babysitter when my kid is older. – Turning Down a Babysitter

DEAR TURNING DOWN A BABYSITTER: Knowing how blunt to be is tough for most of us to navigate. It feels so rude to say no to people versus things. It feels personal.

It *isn't* rude, but that's how it feels.

If we're paying attention, though, people actually tell us exactly how blunt we need to be with them – in how they receive our messages.

You've set limits with Fanny and she is ignoring them and calling you out publicly. Your messages haven't gotten through, then, right? So, you need to be blunter.

Such as: "I said no to naked pictures, and you took a bathtub picture. The baby doesn't eat solids yet, and you fed her a french fry. It's not about whether my decisions are right – I'm not even saying they are. They're mine, though, for the baby, and I have a right to ask people to respect them."

Even bluntness, though, comes in more than one emotional flavor. You can have an angry tone, or use a lovingly exasperated, why-are-you-making-it-so-hard-for-me-to-say-yes-to-my-favorite-Auntie? tone. Find the latter and say your version of what you really want to say.

REGARDING FANNY: I would add one more sentence at the end. "That's why I'm saying no."

Otherwise this could encourage Fanny to start a long argument about who has the right to make rules, what respecting them means, etc. – Closer

DEAR CLOSER: Good catch, thank you.

REGARDING BAD BABYSITTER: You think you're more "mature" because she had the audacity to "turn down marriage proposals" to travel? And you think marriage means no loneliness? More than a whiff of judgment there. – Anon

DEAR ANON: Each point is true on its face, but look at the bones: She chooses A then complains about not having B.

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CROSSWORD

ACROSS
1 Fossil fuel
5 A bit
8 Motor's sound
11 Garfield's foe
12 Natural resources
14 Osaka sash
15 Brings together
16 Hold onto
17 Ground cover
18 Not polite
20 Rum drink (2 wds.)
22 Want ad letters
23 Huh?
24 Dirty Harry portrayer
27 Stoic founder
29 Heating fuel
30 Plot
34 Huge numbers
37 Sea bird
38 Up to the task
39 "Divine Comedy" poet
41 Film
43 Sz. option
44 Barbarian
46 Face-to-face exams
49 MPG monitor
50 Frame of mind
52 Narrow the gap
54 Prince Valiant's son
55 You bet!
56 Seacoast eagle
57 Tell a fib
58 QB objectives
59 Misrepresent

DOWN
1 Milk source
2 Sappho's verse
3 Verdi opus
4 Diminish
5 Japanese metropolis
6 "— we having fun yet?"
7 Regard as
8 Shade-loving plant
9 "Lusitania" sinker (hyph.)
10 Skirt length
13 Lays upstream
19 Adjust a watch
21 Flapjack chain
24 Kissin' kin
25 Caesar's 52
26 Sick
27 District
28 Coast Guard off.
30 Rank above maj.
31 Holm or Fleming
32 Habit
33 Barely make do
35 Secure a contract
36 Girders (hyph.)
39 Berlin article
40 Old sayings
41 — pants
42 Pointless
43 Ways
44 Wiener schnitzel base
45 Boor
47 Adventure
48 Trig function
51 Law (abbr.)
53 Just bought

Answer to Previous Puzzle

D	A	N	C	E	S		F	R	O	T	H	Y
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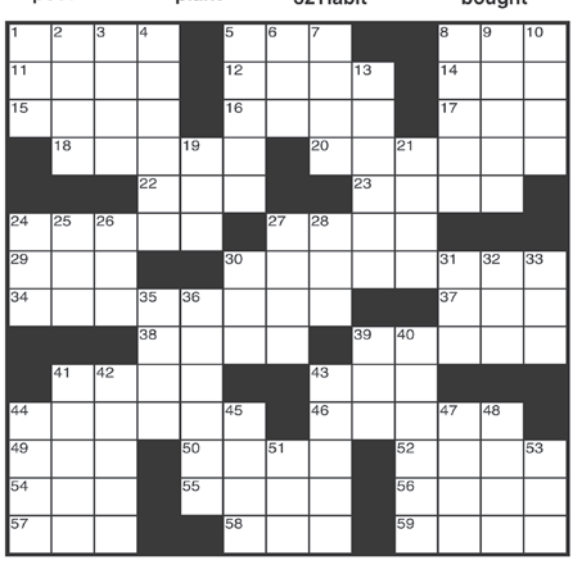

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JUMBLE

Unscramble these Jumbles, one letter to each square, to form four ordinary words.

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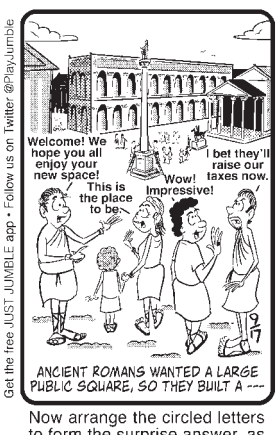
TUHMO

OIRRRM

CRUPES


Welcome! We hope you all enjoy your new space!
This is the place to be.
Wow! Impressive!
I bet they'll raise our taxes now.
ANCIENT ROMANS WANTED A LARGE PUBLIC SQUARE, SO THEY BUILT A ---
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Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

Ans. here: ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) ( ) , ( ) ( ) ( )

(Answers tomorrow)

Yesterday's Jumbles: PIXEL RIVER FEWEST NONFAT
Answer: They had the police artist's silhouette sketch and looked for someone who — FIT THE PROFILE

KAKURO

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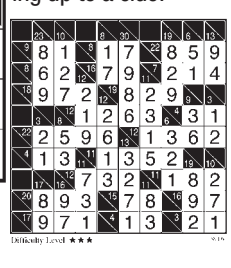
12			4 13			7 10			
6				22 14					
	18	10 28					7 6		
27					21 15				
17			10 20					10	19
18						10 15			
7				15			16		
21				7			4		

Difficulty Level ★★★ 9/17

How to play: Numbers above the slash are across clues; numbers below the slash are down clues. The goal is to enter digits 1-9 in the white cells to add up to the number clues. You cannot use any digit more than once when adding up to a clue.



BRIDGE

Evan Esar, in his "Comic Dictionary," defined statistics as the only science that enables different experts using the same figures to draw different conclusions.

If today's deal is giving you a feeling of deja vu, do not worry. The North-South hands are identical to yesterday's. But as the East-West hands have been rearranged, the declarer must adopt a different approach.

Against three no-trump, West leads the spade six. As we saw yesterday, with only two cards on the board, South should call for the king. Yesterday, he took the trick, but today, East won with the ace and returned the spade 10. What should declarer have done now?

South began with eight top tricks: one spade (given the first trick), three hearts, two diamonds and two clubs. The ninth trick would have to come from hearts or clubs.

First, though, declarer ducked the second spade and took the third with his queen. Now he had to try to stop West from winning a trick because presumably he had two spade winners to cash.

So, South took his three heart winners. No luck there; West discarded a diamond on the third round.

Now it was time to turn to clubs. The key for declarer was to realize that if the club finesse was winning, he did not need to take it. South played his club ace and king. Here, the queen dropped doubleton from West – the ideal development. But if the queen had not appeared, declarer would have played a third club and hoped that East took the trick.

North 09-17-20
♠ K 4
♥ 5 3 2
♦ A 7 6 3
♣ J 10 9 8

West
♠ J 9 7 6 3
♥ 7 4
♦ 9 8 5 2
♣ Q 4

East
♠ A 10 8
♥ J 10 9 8
♦ Q J 10
♣ 6 5 2

South
♠ Q 5 2
♥ A K Q 6
♦ K 4
♣ A K 7 3

Dealer: South
Vulnerable: Both

South	West	North	East
2NT	Pass	3NT	All Pass

Opening lead: ♠ 6

SUDOKU

DIFFICULTY RATING: ★★★☆☆

	6	4		9	8			
8	9			5				
				6		9		1
4			6	3	5	1		
		1		2		6		
		5	7	1	4			2
5		8		4				
				7			5	4
			5	8		2	3	

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How to play: Complete the grid so that every row, column and 3x3 box contains every digit from 1 to 9.

PREVIOUS SOLUTION

8	5	3	1	4	6	9	7	2
7	9	4	5	2	3	8	6	1
2	6	1	8	9	7	4	5	3
6	2	5	3	8	4	1	9	7
3	8	7	2	1	9	6	4	5
4	1	9	6	7	5	2	3	8
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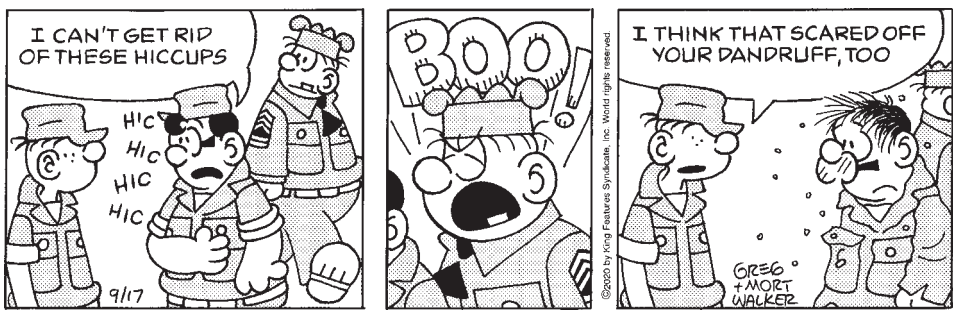
9	4	8	7	3	1	5	2	6

BEETLE BAILEY



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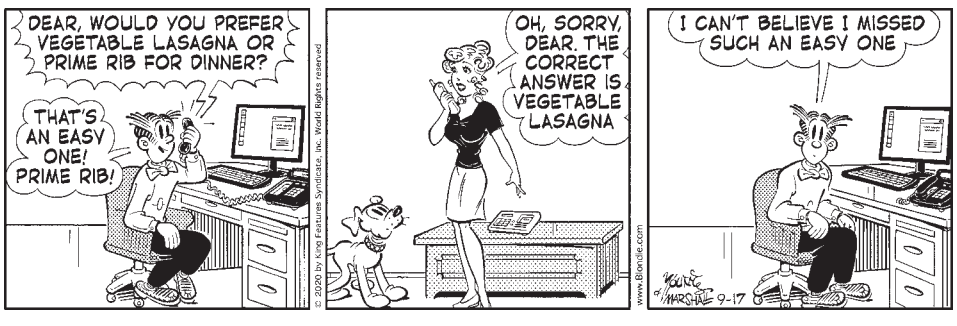
DEAR, WOULD YOU PREFER VEGETABLE LASAGNA OR PRIME RIB FOR DINNER?
THAT'S AN EASY ONE! PRIME RIB!
OH, SORRY, DEAR. THE CORRECT ANSWER IS VEGETABLE LASAGNA
I CAN'T BELIEVE I MISSED SUCH AN EASY ONE
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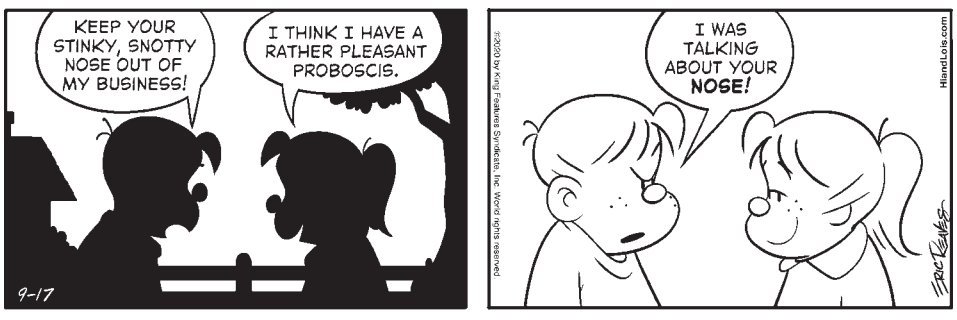
HI & LOIS


KEEP YOUR STINKY, SNOTTY NOSE OUT OF MY BUSINESS!
I THINK I HAVE A RATHER PLEASANT PROBOSCIS.
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I WAS TALKING ABOUT YOUR NOSE!
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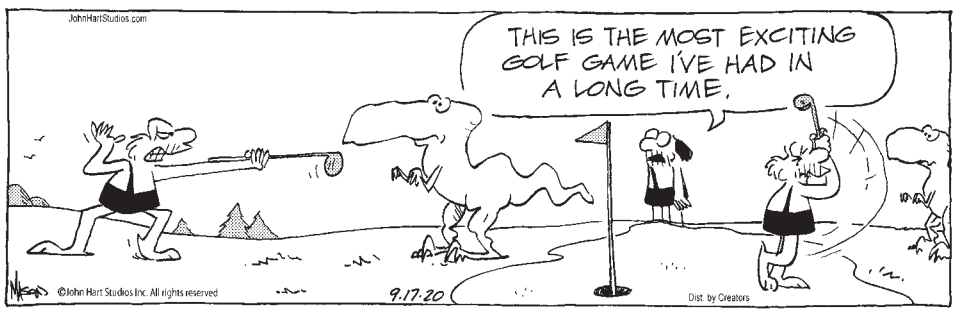
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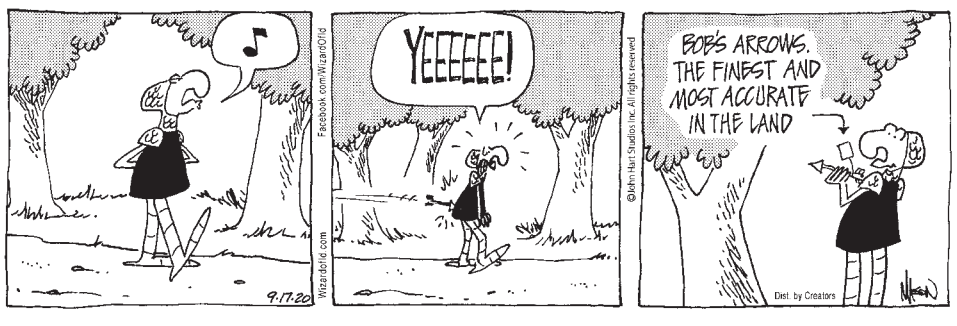

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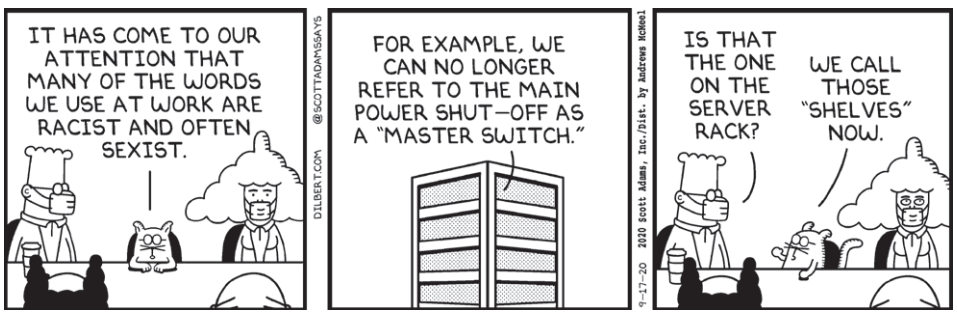
IT HAS COME TO OUR ATTENTION THAT MANY OF THE WORDS WE USE AT WORK ARE RACIST AND OFTEN SEXIST.
DILBERT.COM @SCOTTADAMSSAYS
FOR EXAMPLE, WE CAN NO LONGER REFER TO THE MAIN POWER SHUT-OFF AS A "MASTER SWITCH."
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IS THAT THE ONE ON THE SERVER RACK?
WE CALL THOSE "SHELVES" NOW.

GARFIELD

I ATE TOO MUCH CAKE...
ONLY ONE THING LEFT TO DO...
DRINK TOO MUCH MILK
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JIM DAVIS 9-17

FORT KNOX

PICKLES

SOMETIMES I GET THE FEELING I'M NOT DOING ENOUGH AROUND HERE.
WOULD YOU MIND LIFTING YOUR FEET, EARL?
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NO PROBLEM.
THEN I REALIZE IT'S JUST MY IMAGINATION.
picklescomic.com
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FAMILY CIRCUS

DENNIS THE MENACE

BABY BLUES

MY TODDLER IS TEETHING, MY OLDER KIDS ARE TRYING TO KILL EACH OTHER...
...NOBODY HAS ANY CLEAN UNDERWEAR FOR TOMORROW, THE CHICKEN I'VE BEEN BAKING FOR AN HOUR IS STILL FROZEN IN THE MIDDLE...
...AND YOU WANT ME TO HELP YOU SAVE ENDANGERED SALAMANDERS??
WE'LL CALL BACK.
WAAAA!
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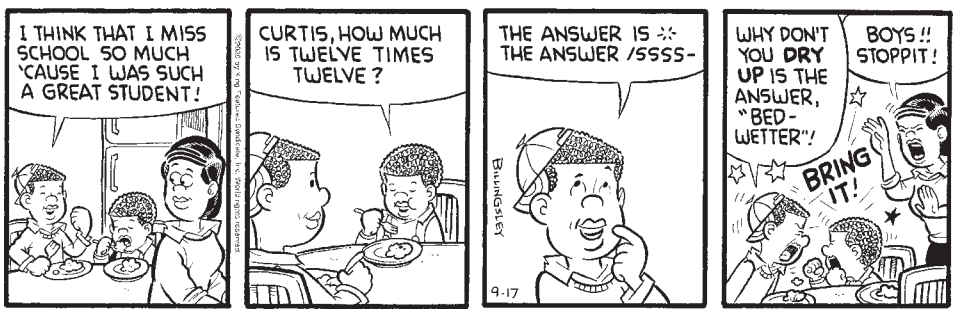
CURTIS


I THINK THAT I MISS SCHOOL SO MUCH 'CAUSE I WAS SUCH A GREAT STUDENT!
CURTIS, HOW MUCH IS TWELVE TIMES TWELVE?
THE ANSWER IS ☆ THE ANSWER /SSSS-
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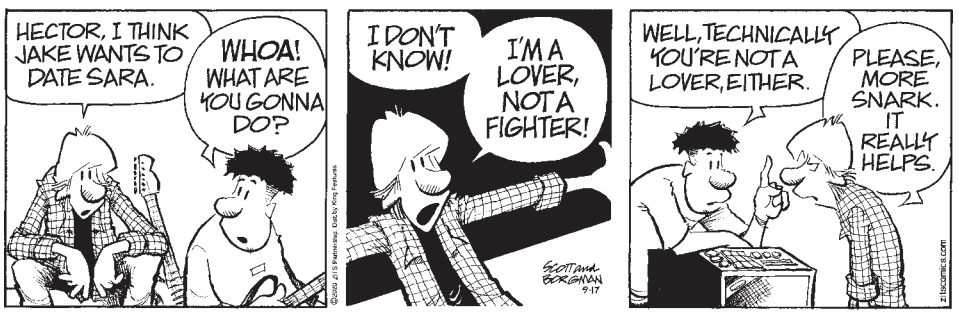
WHY DON'T YOU DRY UP IS THE ANSWER, "BED-WETTER"!
BOYS!! STOPPIT!
BRING IT!

ZITS


HECTOR, I THINK JAKE WANTS TO DATE SARA.
WHOA! WHAT ARE YOU GONNA DO?
I DON'T KNOW!
I'M A LOVER, NOT A FIGHTER!
WELL, TECHNICALLY YOU'RE NOT A LOVER, EITHER.
PLEASE, MORE SNARK. IT REALLY HELPS.
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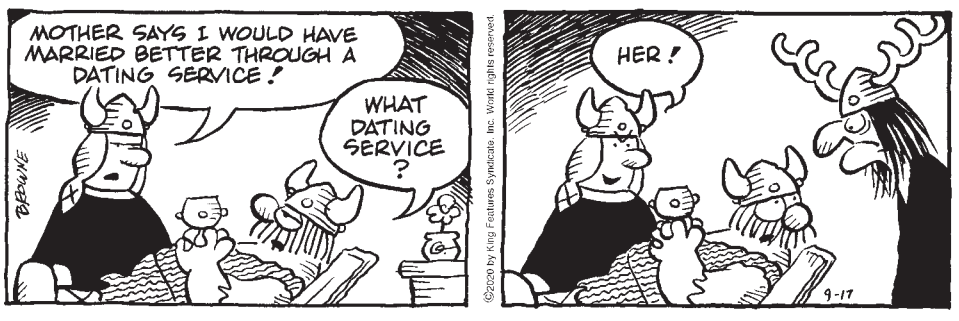
HAGAR THE HORRIBLE


MOTHER SAYS I WOULD HAVE MARRIED BETTER THROUGH A DATING SERVICE!
WHAT DATING SERVICE?
BROOME
HER!
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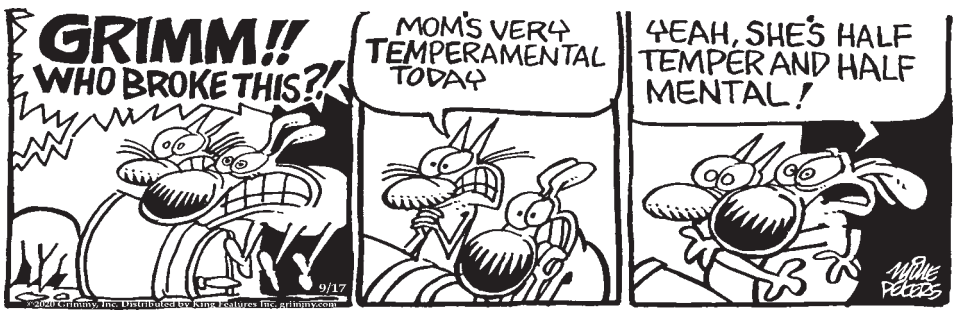
MOTHER GOOSE & GRIMM


GRIMM!! WHO BROKE THIS?!
MOM'S VERY TEMPERAMENTAL TODAY
YEAH, SHE'S HALF TEMPER AND HALF MENTAL!
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MIKE PECZKO

MUTTS

THIS IS MY "I'M SO BORED" FACE.
AND THIS IS MY "I'M SO BORED WITH YOUR 'I'M SO BORED' FACE" FACE.
BORING!
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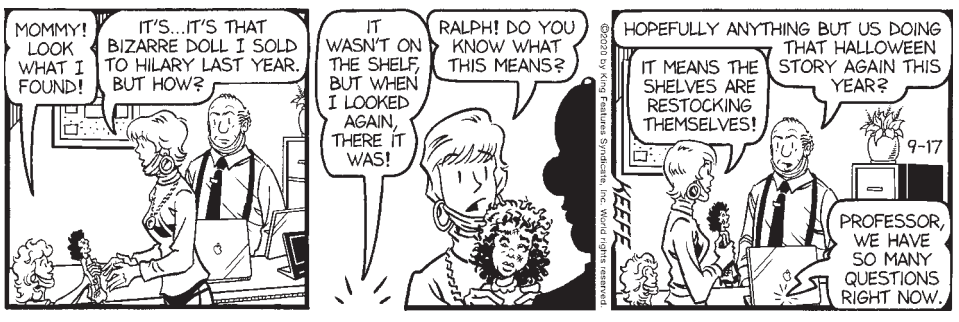
SALLY FORTH


MOMMY! LOOK WHAT I FOUND!
IT'S...IT'S THAT BIZARRE DOLL I SOLD TO HILARY LAST YEAR. BUT HOW?
IT WASN'T ON THE SHELF, BUT WHEN I LOOKED AGAIN, THERE IT WAS!
RALPH! DO YOU KNOW WHAT THIS MEANS?
HOPEFULLY ANYTHING BUT US DOING THAT HALLOWEEN STORY AGAIN THIS YEAR?
IT MEANS THE SHELVES ARE RESTOCKING THEMSELVES!
PROFESSOR, WE HAVE SO MANY QUESTIONS RIGHT NOW.
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KEEFE
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DON'T MISS
THIS WEEKEND'S
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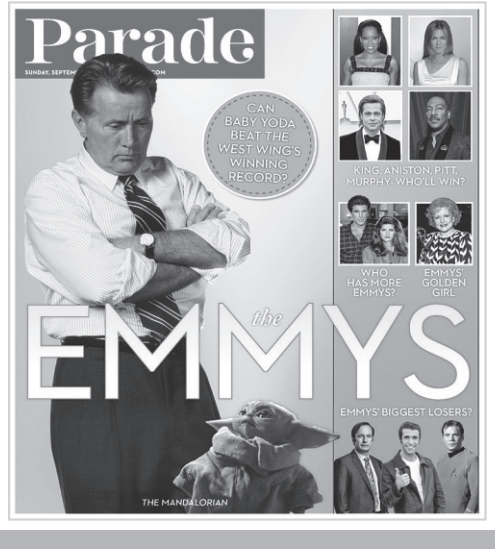
Look for it in this Saturday's edition



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UNFURNISHED APARTMENTS

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$600 per month plus
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1 year lease
utilities included
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Call Susan at
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3 bed, 1 bath (lower)
New Carpet &
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$1200 month
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Great parking.
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Call to view/rates:
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St. Joseph MI
Waterfront
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For Sale at
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or Call Lisa
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Extensive mold in
the property.

LEGALS

LEGALS

Cook

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District
Employment info at:
www.rivervalleyschools.
org
Deadline: Until Filled

ANNOUNCEMENTS

FOUND

Hartford, MI
CAT FOUND near
62nd St. & 66th Ave.
If it might be yours,
call or text
616-826-6962

EMPLOYMENT

The Herald-Palladium

Now Hiring

The Herald-Palladium is looking for a Customer Service Representative

Responsibilities include answering phone, email, classified ads & telemarketing.
Will be working in a team environment as well as independently.
Needs to be organized, have strong attention to detail, able to multi-task and work in a fast-paced atmosphere.
Must be able to communicate effectively and professionally.

Customer Service and Sales Experience preferred, but willing to train the right person.
Computer Experience Required.
Must have reliable transportation.

Email your resume to Angelique:
apetersen@thehp.com

No Calls Please!

GENERAL HELP

SCHOOL BUSINESS MANAGER/TREASURER, North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation. Seeking a personable and skillful individual to administer all aspects of the school corporation financial and business operations. Along with developing annual budget, the Business Manager will manage and delegate monthly transactions related to purchased goods and services, accounts payable, accounts receivable, claim coding, payroll, and all other business services. Must have experience in accounting, finance, and operations in business, education, or governmental agencies. A bachelor's degree and related experience in Business is preferred. A complete job description can be found on the school website: www.njsp.k12.in.us. Send letter and resume via email to Dr. Annette Zupin, Superintendent: azupin@njsp.k12.in.us

The Town of Trail Creek is seeking applications for a part time street employee. The candidate will work through out the week and some weekend hours, in addition to possibly being on call for a tree down or during the winter months. The candidate must have the following skills and knowledge to be eligible:
Perform routine general maintenance, operate and utilize all town equipment as directed by the street commissioner. Assist in leaf pickup , patching potholes, storm maintenance and other misc. jobs given by the street commissioner. Must have high diploma, valid drivers license and must be able to lift or carry 50lbs.
Please contact the street commissioner, Chris Ott to set up a time to get an application at 219-872-4780

The Herald-Palladium

Now Hiring

Newspaper Inserter

The Herald-Palladium is looking to add to our current staff for our production/distribution department.
The main function of the position is to work as part of a team while operating the equipment to insert advertisements into the newspapers produced at our print site.
Must have attention to detail to ensure the products are inserted properly.

Job Type: Part-time
Pay: $9.45 per hour

To apply: Email Bruce
btheisen@heraldpalladium.com

No Calls Please!

GENERAL HELP

BENTON CHARTER TOWNSHIP

ACCEPTING APPLICATIONS FOR WATER DISTRIBUTION SYSTEM OPERATOR

Benton Charter Township will be accepting applications for a Water Distribution System Operator beginning September 10, 2020 through September 18, 2020.

This is an entry level position. The position requires semiskilled work in the installation and removal, connecting and disconnecting of water meters. Work is performed under the direction of the Water Distribution System Supervisor. The Water Distribution System Operator must be able to routinely perform, after sufficient training, duties involving water distribution system construction, repair, operations, including water meter reading, installation, testing, and repair, cross connection compliance, and general system administration.

All applicants must possess a high school diploma, must obtain an S-4 operator certification within the time requirements of the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality.
In addition, all applicants must be able to pass physical examination and drug/alcohol screening test, background check, and possess a commercial driver's license. Other minimum qualifications apply.

Beginning salary is $30,000 to $40,000 with benefits.

Applications may be obtained at the Benton Charter Township Hall, 1725 Territorial Rd., Bldg. B., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022. All applications and/or resumes should be sent to Mike Baldwin, Water Department Supervisor, 555 N. Crystal Ave., Benton Harbor, Michigan 49022, email mbaldwin@bentoncharter township-mi.gov
E.O.E.

Carolyn Phillips
Township Clerk

SKILLED TRADE

The City of St. Joseph is currently accepting applications for the position of a full-time Laborer in the Parks and Cemetery Division. Applicants are required to have a valid Michigan Driver's license with a safe driving record, a valid Michigan Category 6 pesticide applicators certification or ability to obtain one within the employment probationary period. To apply, please submit a resume to the City of St Joseph Personnel Department, 700 Broad St, St. Joseph, MI 49085, or lmoore@sjcity.com. A full job description is available at www.sjcity.com. Resumes will be accepted until Friday, October 2, 2020.

EMPLOYMENT INFORMATION

Country Manor
Care Center
in Bridgman
Now Hiring
Part-time Fri & Sat
(Cook)
Will Train
Call Debbie btw
9 am to 6 pm
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FINANCIAL

GARAGE /ESTATE SALES

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

DON'T MISS THIS!
Friday at 7AM
on Derfla Drive in
St. Joseph.
Home decor,
clothing, furniture,
pet supplies and
more - one day
ONLY.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

La Porte, IN
Crestview
Neighborhood Sales
Fri & Sat 8am - 1pm
4232 Spring Haven
- - - - - -
Christmas in
September. LOTS
of Christmas items,
artificial trees, baby
strollers/car seat,
NEW Avon - jewelry,
makeup and
perfume, household
items, women's
clothes. misc tools
and more!

Stevensville, MI
GARAGE SALE
5575 Mohican
(off S. Roosevelt)
9/17 & 9/18
8:00am - 4:00pm
Teen/young ladies
brand name winter
coats, dresses,
jeans, like-new
games, books,
dolls, every holiday
decor, yard, men's
snow shoes, coffee
table, Simplicity
snow blower,
hunting magazines
& much more!
Wear Mask. Very
huge, clean sale.

La Porte, IN
Garage Sale
5229 W 300 N
Sat 9/19 & Sun 9/20
10am - 2pm
Bowflex Extreme,
welder, fashion
dolls, Matchbox
Nascar toys, scale
model collector cars.
Many of these items
are to help support
Toys for Tots in
La Porte County.

St. Joseph, MI
218 N Sunnybank
Thurs-Sat 17, 18, 19
8am-5pm
Clearing the clutter!
Compound bow,
home decor, kitchen,
furniture, seasonal,
books, bicycles,
cargo carriers,
sporting goods,
jewelry.

GARAGE/ESTATE SALES

Benton Harbor, MI
Huge, Huge, Cheap
(I want to sell it,
not store it)
Rummage Sale
Edith B. Garrett
School
140 Seneca Rd.,
Just off Colfax
September 20-25
Sun-Thurs 9-9,
Friday 9-6
All proceeds will go
towards church
missions.

Stevensville, MI
5565 Mohican Dr
Off S Roosevelt
Thurs Sept 17th &
Fri Sept 18th
8 am to 4 pm
RCA Surround
Sound System,
Lamps, Dishes,
Coffeemaker,
Wheelchair, Kitchen
table with 4 chairs,
End tables, Dining
room table with
matching china
closet $500, Jewelry,
Pictures, Rugs,
Women's Clothing,
Yard Ornaments
and much more!

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GARAGE SALES
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September 19,
8am--2pm
MULTI-FAMILY,
LOTS OF MISC
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HOUSEHOLD GOODS

Table Saw
with extra blade,$75.

Sewing Machine,
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2 mirrors,
nightstand, chest,
solid wood, $150.

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snowblower,
elec start, $200.

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Matching Couch &
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Bed & Full Size Bed
- Office Desks - End
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Wanted to Rent!
House/trailer in
Fish Lake/Mill Creek
area for the month
of November. Will
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920-622-5755

PETS

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Stevensville, MI
Kittens for Sale
2 Male & 2 Female
$5 each
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FARM

TRANSPORTATION

CARS FOR SALE

La Porte, IN
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Sun Roof A/C
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EOE

HOUSE HUNTING?
Watch For Our Open House Ads In The Classifieds!

HOROSCOPE

By EUGENIA LAST

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

How you present what you want to do will determine how well you do. Be bold, adjust to change and be passionate about your beliefs and plans as you move forward. Opportunity is within reach, but it will take effort to get things done properly. Focus on the future.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) Expand your awareness and stabilize your relationships. Keep things in perspective, and pursue what's doable. Moderation and practicality are key.

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 23) Stay focused on what's important. Refuse to let anyone interfere with your plans or personal life. Avoid demanding people. Channel your energy into what matters most to you.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22) Reconnect with people you have enjoyed working alongside, and make a proposition that will improve everyone's quality of life. A change is way overdue, and making the first move will be energizing.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 21) Put the past behind you, and start thinking about what you want. Positive changes at home will free up cash and encourage you to use your skills diversely. Don't let others interfere with your affairs.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Do what has to be done, and don't look back. Laboring over something you cannot change will not help you attain the success and happiness you desire. Be true to yourself and live life your way.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 19) Look over your documents and investments to see where you stand. An opportunity to excel is within reach. Love and romance are on the rise.

PISCES (Feb. 20-March 20) Look for opportunities. Touch base with people who share your opinions, beliefs and values. A shift in the ways you earn your living and handle your money looks promising.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) It's time to revamp the way you do things and to monitor your time carefully. Change is required, but you must be patient to gain the best results.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) A change may be necessary if you haven't been getting along with a colleague. Either find a way to put your differences aside or remove yourself from the situation.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) Do something that stimulates you mentally. Stay focused on what's important. If you overreact, overdo it or get involved in something that isn't going to benefit you directly, you will have regrets. Romance is in the stars.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Let your emotions and intuition lead the way. Anger is a waste of time. If you put your heart into something you want to pursue, it will help take your mind off disruptive situations.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) Set rules to live by that will keep you heading down the right path. Don't let someone else influence you to take a risk. Put your energy into personal and domestic improvements.

Responding to employment ads that contain a Herald-Palladium box #

No telephone calls please! We will not reveal the name of the box holder.
(A) Reply with your sealed letter Addressed as follows:

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c/o the Herald-Palladium
P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI
49085-0128

If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then: B) attach a note listing which firms are NOT to receive your letter; and (C) send every thing in ANOTHER E N V E L O P E addressed as follows:

The Herald-Palladium
Classified Department
P.O. Box 128
St. Joseph, MI
49085-0128

If the advertiser is among the names you don't want to contact, we will destroy your sealed letter.

E-Mail Responses
You may also reply to ads with Herald-Palladium box numbers by e-mail. Do not attach your resume rather type it or copy & paste it directly into your e-mail program. Send your e-mail to: jobs@heraldpalladium.com

If you wish to reply to a box number and NOT have your letter sent to certain firms, then begin your e-mail with any company(s) where you do not wish to apply. Then include the Herald-Palladium box address as shown above.

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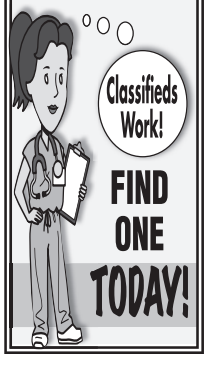

FIND ONE TODAY!

hp OUR TOWN

Have news for 'Our Town'?

Do you have some news about your hometown that you would like to see in the paper? Send it to "Our Town" in care of Features Editor Andy Steinke at The Herald-Palladium, P.O. Box 128, St. Joseph, MI 49085; or email it to focus@TheHP.com. Timely news about upcoming events should be received two weeks prior to the events.

WATERVLIET

Anonymous donor helps library reach grant goal

WATERVLIET — Last year, Watervliet District Library was awarded a $7,000 challenge grant to support a major computer equipment upgrade.

Community members had made progress toward completing that match, according to a news release, when health and safety concerns around COVID-19 required libraries across the state to close. With the lifting of restrictions, donations once again began to arrive.

A substantial contribution was recently received from an anonymous donor in honor of past and present Watervliet District Library Board members. The donation enabled the library to fully meet the matching grant ahead of the original deadline of Sept. 10. Grant deadlines were extended to January in light of the pandemic and accompanying economic downturn.

With the funding match achieved ahead of schedule, the library can offer public computer users a much smoother and more effective online experience at the library and at home, sooner rather than later.

The Upton Foundation recognized the need for flexibility very early into the current crisis, according to the release. Although the library's initial grant request specified replacing 11 aging public computers, the grantors are allowing the replacements to include in-house laptops and take-home tablets, too.

These changes will provide better opportunities for social distancing within the library and for virtual work from home.

"I am delighted to accept this unexpected donation that's put us over the top," Library Director Sharon Crotser-Toy said in the release. "Board members, past and present, are certainly worthy of this honor. It's a great way to share appreciation of the many trustees who've worked on our behalf. I'm also thankful to the many members of the public who've contributed great and small amounts over the past year to help us reach our goal. Watervliet has an inspiring spirit of community support."

Crotser-Toy said late last month she expected computer replacements to begin shortly – as soon as various documentation requirements are completed.

The library at 333 N. Main St. is open by appointment from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Mondays through Saturdays, and 4-7 p.m. Wednesdays.

Curbside pick up is available.

Requests can be made through Facebook, email (info@wdlib.org) or phone (463-6382).

THE KEY TO THE VILLAGE

Photo provided

Stevensville President Steve Slavicek recently presented 2019 Miss Stevensville Alyssa Steinke with the Key to Stevensville.

PAW launches scholarship in Lauren Widner's honor

NILES — Performing Arts Workshops (PAW) wants to raise $2,000 to further enrich the lives of students by honoring the memory of teaching artist Lauren Widner.

Widner was a PAW guest teaching artist in 2019, thanks to the Frederick S. Upton Foundation.

The Lauren Widner Memorial Scholarship Fund is being created to honor her memory by recognizing exceptional talent, awarded solely on merit. Students will have the opportunity to audition for various workshops to be eligible for a merit-based scholarship.

Priority will be given to those interested in PAW Selects, an advanced theater workshop that challenges the creative innovation of teens.

Widner's memory will live on as countless students can engage in rigorous performing arts education through various workshops.

"This past spring, Lauren passed away, and it broke our hearts. She was a wonderfully talented collaborative artist who brought so much experience to our students and staff," Executive Director August Garritano said in a news release. "The entire PAW family appreciates Lauren's contributions to our organization and we will always hold her in our hearts."

As a music teacher for more than 15 years, she enriched the lives of her students through song and theater.

Her passions led her to direct, compose and perform music and theater with some of Broadway's finest. She was the author of "Elle and Eleanor: Across the Pond," a children's adventure book, and the creator of an original musical, "Niagara."

PAW is a nonprofit that provides performing arts experiences to ages infant through 12th grade. It offers summer workshops and performance opportunities, providing high-quality, integrative arts education.

For more information, visit www.performingartsworkshops.org.

To donate to the Lauren Widner Memorial Scholarship Fund, make checks out to "PAW Inc." and mail them to PAW Inc., P.O. Box 136, Niles, MI 49120; or visit www.performingartsworkshops.org/LWMSF.

For questions, contact Executive Directors Lena Miles-LoRusso and August Garritano at directors@performingartsworkshops.org.

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